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Proposal to Cease Waste Removal Activities in Tank 9 and Enter Sampling and Analysis Phase

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Acronyms



A-P	Annulus to Primary	HTF	H Tank Farm
ALT	Alternate	LL	Liquid Level
BSL	Bulk Salt Level	LWTRSAPP	Liquid Waste Tank Residuals Sampling and Analysis Program Plan
CGCP	Consolidated General Closure Plan	LVMJ	Low Volume Mixing Jet
CM	Closure Module	MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level
CSMP	Commercial Submersible Mixing Pump	PCWR	Preliminary Cease Waste Removal
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy	PUREX	Plutonium-Uranium Extraction Process
DSS	Dissolved Salt Solution	S&A	Sampling and Analysis
DWPF	Defense Waste Processing Facility	SCDHEC	South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control¹
ECR	Effective Cleaning Radius	SCDES	South Carolina Department of Environmental Services¹
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	SMP	Submersible Mixing Pump
FFA	Federal Facility Agreement	SPF	Saltstone Production Facility
HDB	H Area Diversion Box	STD	Standard
HIHTL	Hose-in-Hose Transfer Line	STP	Submersible Transfer Pump
HHW	High Heat Waste	SWPF	Salt Waste Processing Facility
HPP	H Area Pump Pit	TCCR	Tank Closure Cesium Removal

¹South Carolina Department of Environmental Services (SCDES) was known as South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC) prior to July 1, 2024. Throughout this presentation figures and text reproduced from existing documents may still reflect SCDHEC nomenclature.

Meeting Objective



Obtain mutual agreement among DOE, SCDES, and EPA to:

1. Suspend waste removal activities in Tank 9; and
2. Enter the Sampling and Analysis phase in Tank 9 consistent with the *Consolidated General Closure Plan for F-Area and H-Area Waste Tank Systems (CGCP)* and *Liquid Waste Tank Residuals Sampling and Analysis Program Plan (LWTRSAPP)*

Tank 9 Primary



Summary



- **99% of the waste volume in Tank 9 has been removed**
- **A qualitative assessment indicates that the CGCP performance objectives will not be challenged**
- **Tank 9 is not a significant contributor to doses in H Tank Farm (HTF) Performance Assessment and additional waste removal would have minimal impact on estimated doses/performance objectives**
- **Additional waste removal activities in Tank 9 would have a negative impact on other Liquid Waste risk reduction activities**
- **A quantitative assessment utilizing final residual waste volumes and results of sampling and analysis will be included in the Closure Module covering Tank 9**
- **A formal discussion on the “practicability” of additional waste removal will be included in the Closure Module covering Tank 9**

Based on the characteristics and estimated volume of the waste remaining in Tank 9, performance objectives are expected to be met.

- Anticipate that concentration values in the groundwater for HTF will be below the Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) values for all the non-radiological inorganic constituents listed in Table 9.2-1 of the CGCP
- Anticipate that concentration values in the groundwater for HTF will be below the MCL values for radionuclides consistent with the State Primary Drinking Water Regulations including:
 - 4 mrem/yr dose for beta- and gamma-emitting nuclides
 - 15 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) for alpha-emitting nuclides (including Ra-226 but excluding radon and uranium)
 - 5 pCi/L for radium (Ra-226 plus Ra-228)
 - 30 micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$) of uranium

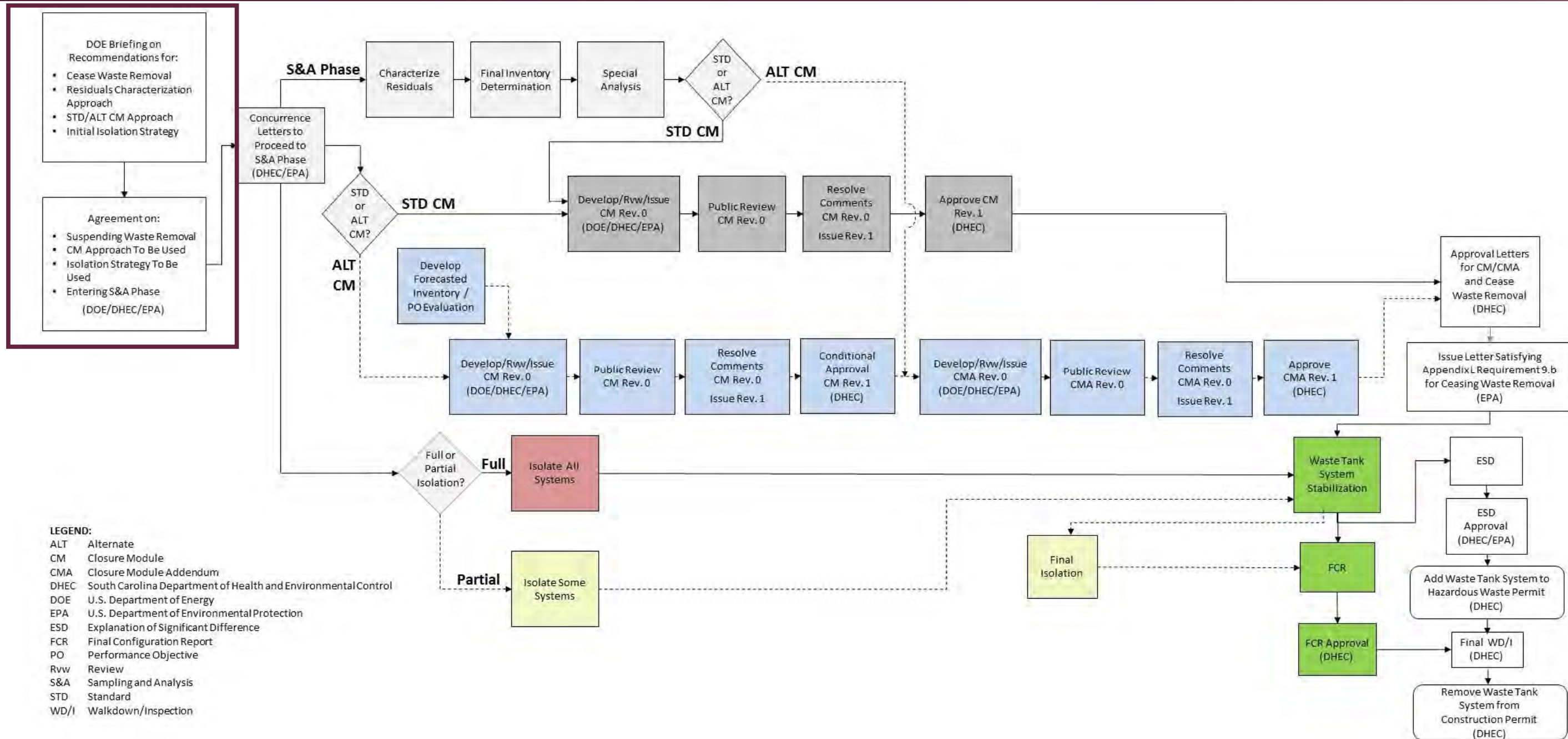
Radiation Dose Perspective



- **Anticipate that the peak dose from Tank 9 will be <3 mrem/year during both the 1,000 year and 10,000-year periods after HTF closure***
 - Tank 9 is not a significant contributor to the peak dose in the HTF Performance Assessment
 - *Tank 9 peak dose not anticipated to coincide with timing and location of overall peak dose within HTF*
- **To put this radiological dose into perspective**
 - Per NCRP-160, the average annual dose to a person in the United States is approximately 620 mrem primarily from:
 - *Approximately 310 mrem from naturally occurring background*
 - *Approximately 300 mrem from medical procedures*

* Based on a preliminary estimate of the volume. Final inventories and dose impacts will be included in the Closure Module.

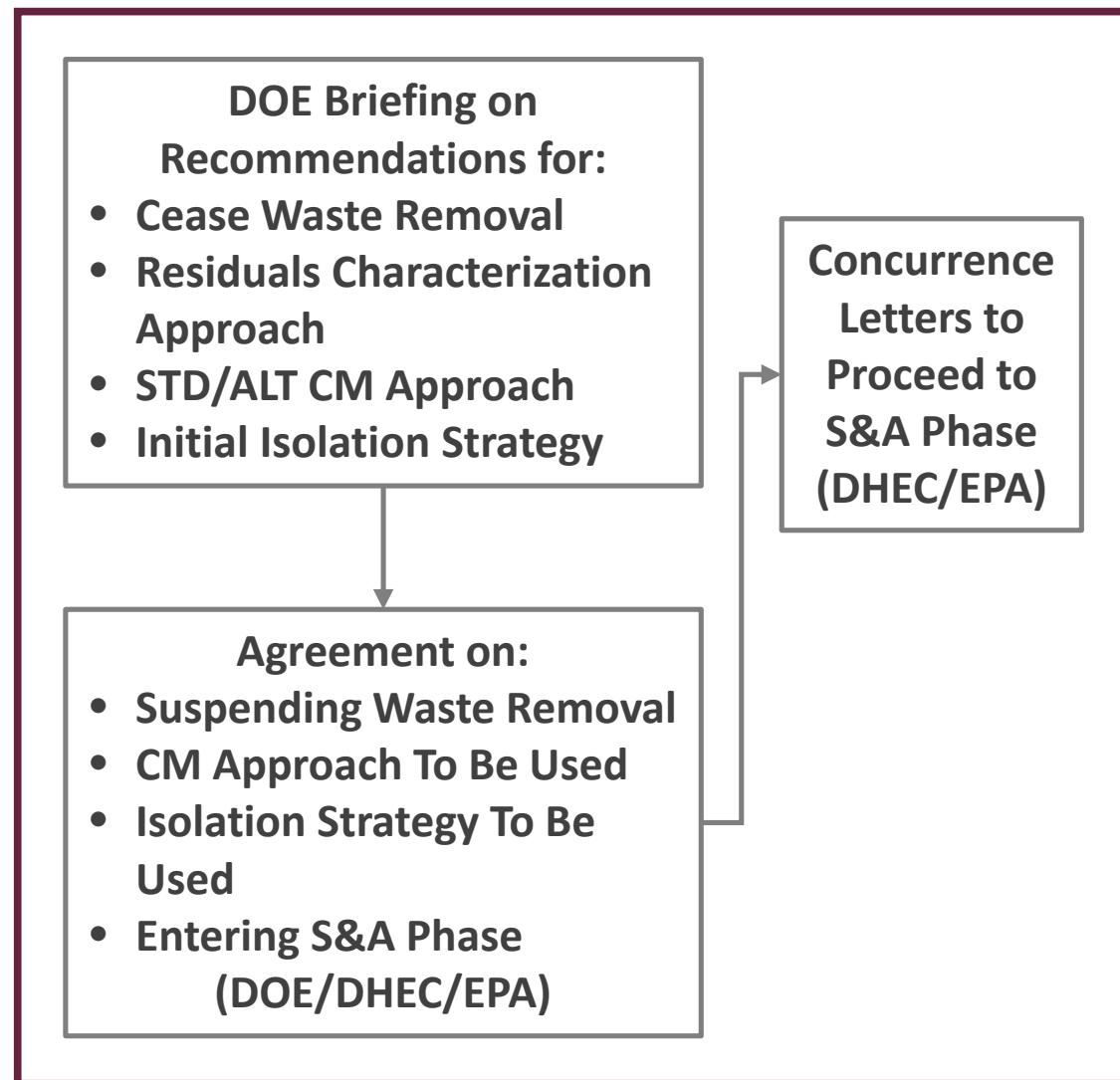
Pathway to Closure



Closure Module Approval and Waste Tank System Removal from Service Process
 (CGCP Figure 11.4-1)

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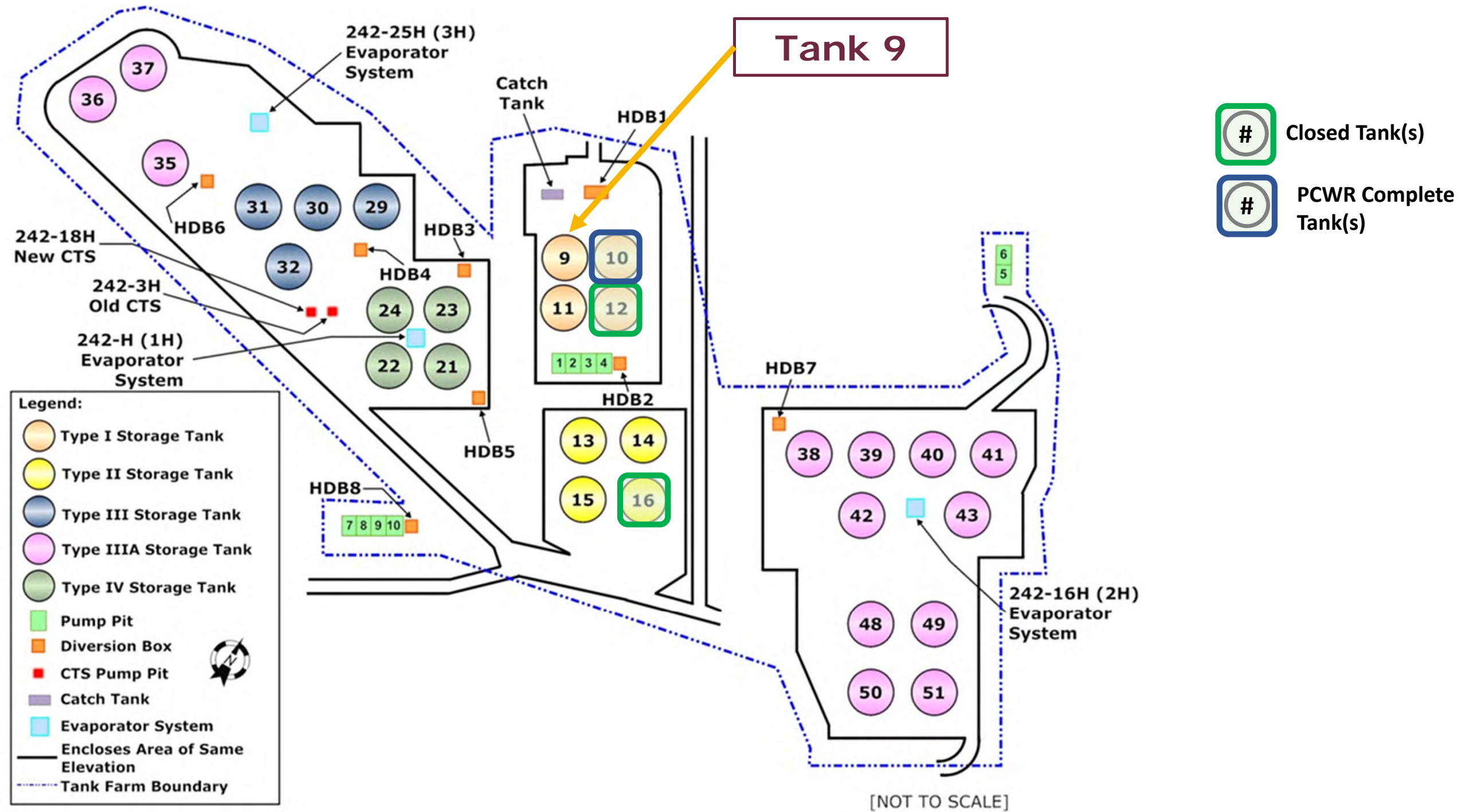
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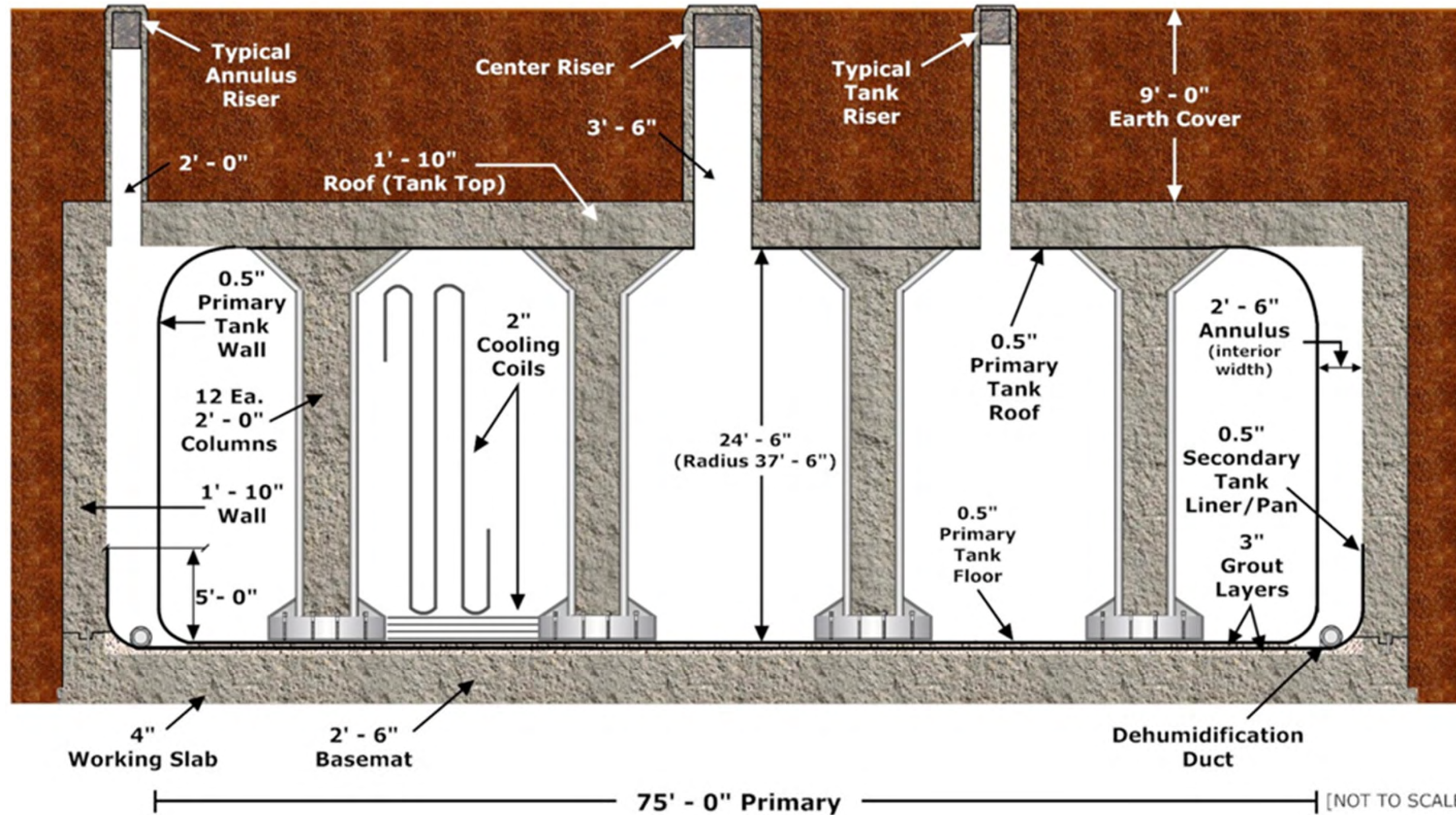
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- 1. Suspending waste removal activities in Tank 9 and enter the Sampling and Analysis phase.**
 - Sampling and analysis to be performed per the LWTRSAPP
- 2. DOE will draft a Closure Module using the *Standard Closure Module Approach***
 - Current plans to issue one Closure Module covering Tanks 9, 10 and 11.
- 3. The Closure Module will include appropriate isolation and stabilization provisions using the *Partial Isolation* approach**

H-Tank Farm Layout



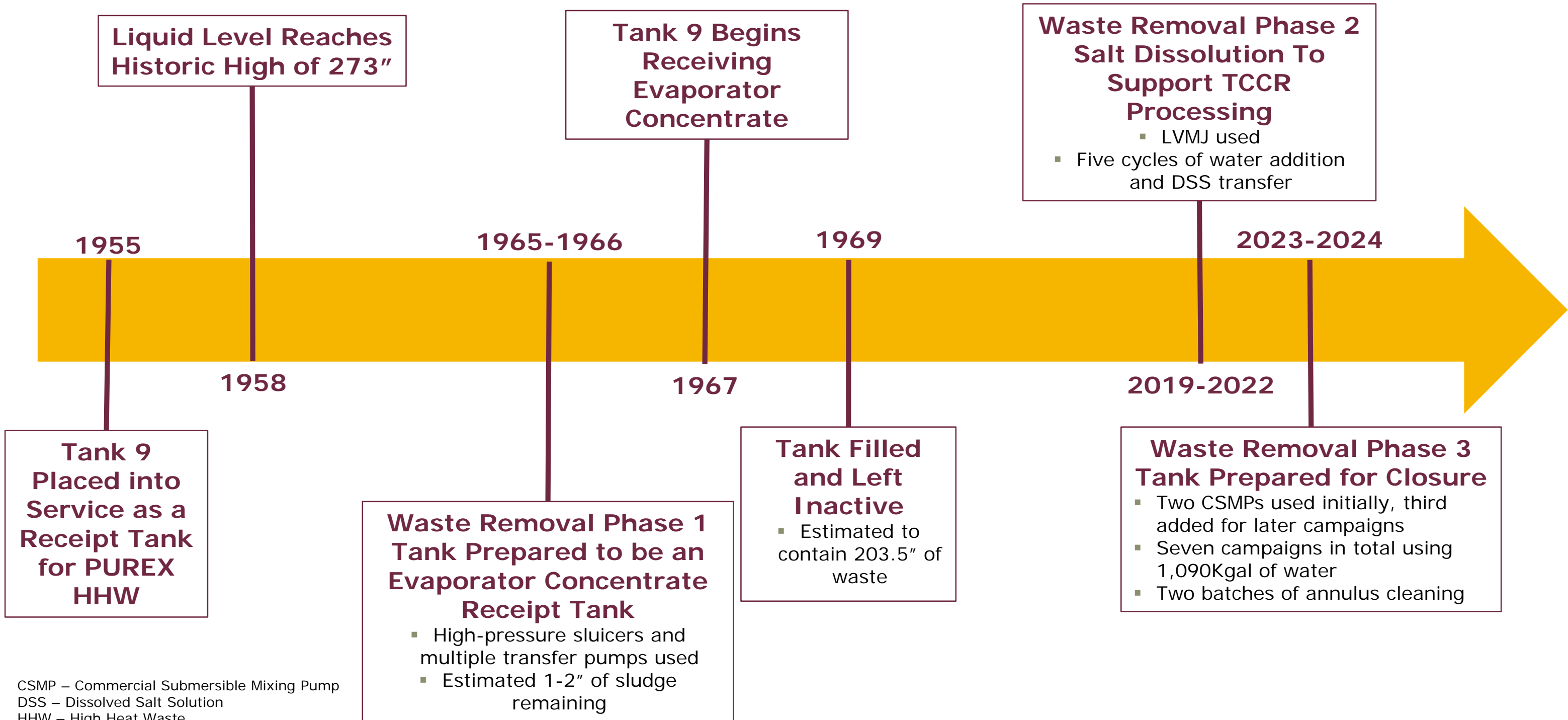
Typical Type I Tank



Nominal working capacity: 750,000 gallons
 For a Type I Tank, 1" of waste equals 2,710 gallons

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Tank 9 Historical Timeline



CSMP – Commercial Submersible Mixing Pump
 DSS – Dissolved Salt Solution
 HHW – High Heat Waste
 LVMJ – Low Volume Mixing Jet
 PUREX – Plutonium-Uranium Extraction Process
 TCCR – Tank Closure Cesium Removal

Waste Removal Phase 3 Summary



July 2022 – November 2023: Tank 9 equipment updated and replaced to improve the efficiency of salt dissolution

- LVMJ and a downcomer removed
- CSMPs installed
- Submersible Transfer pump (STP) replaced
- A new Hose-in-Hose Transfer Line (HIHTL) established to allow transfers from Tank 9 to Tank 11

Campaign	Date	Water Added (Kgals)	DSS Transferred (Kgals)	Riser 1 CSMP Elevation (inches)	Riser 4 CSMP Elevation (inches)	Riser 6 CSMP Elevation (inches)	STP Elevation (inches)
1	11/2023 - 12/2023	59	136	181	181	-	204.5 – 144.5
2	12/2023 - 1/2024	135	163	161	161	-	108.5
3	1/2024 - 2/2024	153	171	131	131	-	84.5
4	3/2024 - 4/2024	170	163	121	121	-	84.5
5	4/2024 - 5/2024	153	348	121	121	141	48.5
6	6/2024 - 7/2024	277	417	51 – 11	51 – 11	61 – 11	3.5
Annulus Cleaning	7/2024	10	-	-	-	-	-
7	7/2024 - 8/2024	133	143	11	11	11	1
Total	-	1,090	1,541	-	-	-	-

Overall Cleaning Results



Maximum Waste Volume (gal)	740,000
Maximum Solids Volume (gal)	46,000
Maximum Salt Volume (gal)	550,000
Total Salt Remaining (gal)	0 ¹
Total Solids Remaining (gal)	<7,500 ²
Total Waste Remaining (gal)	<7,500 ³

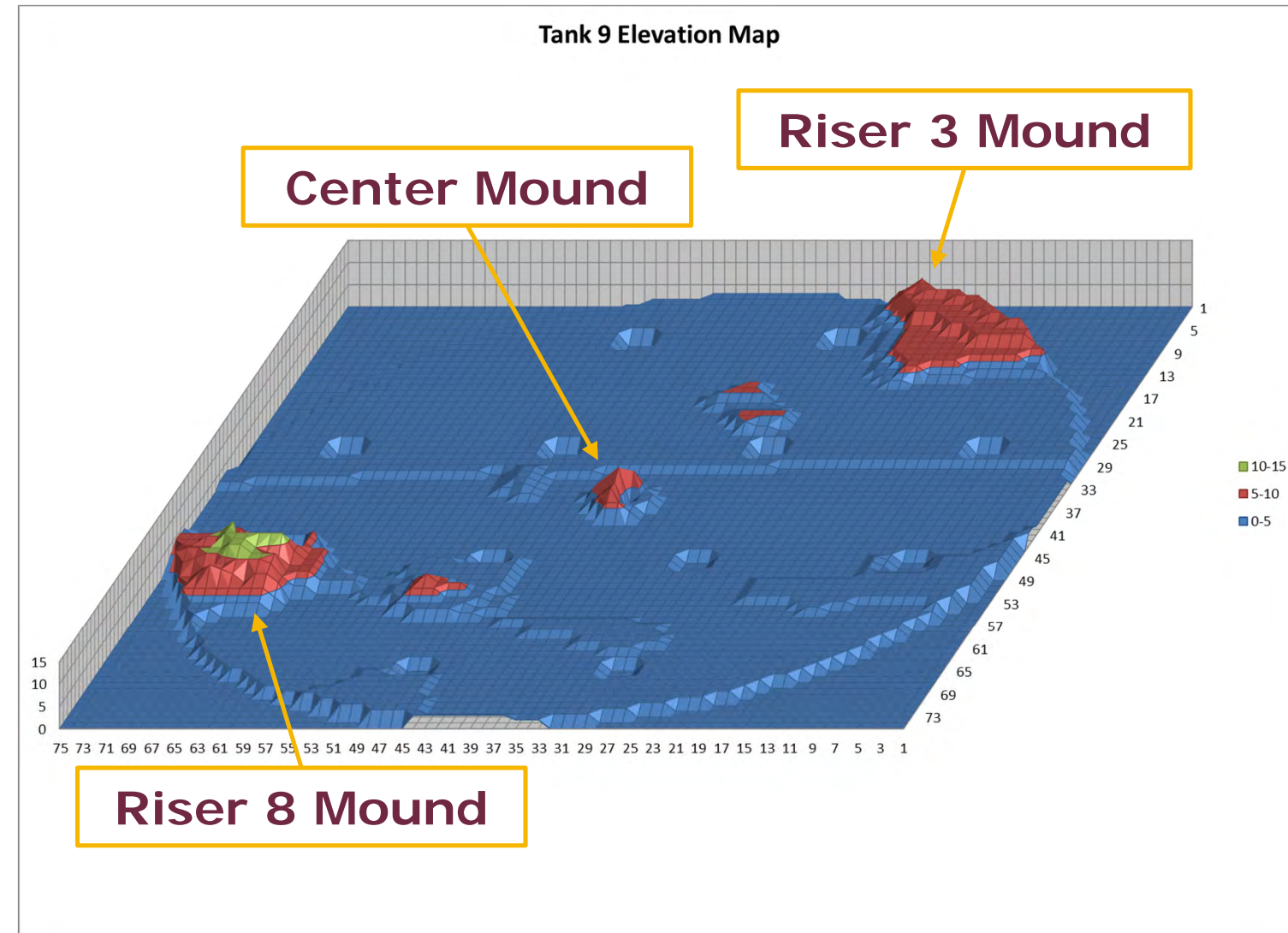
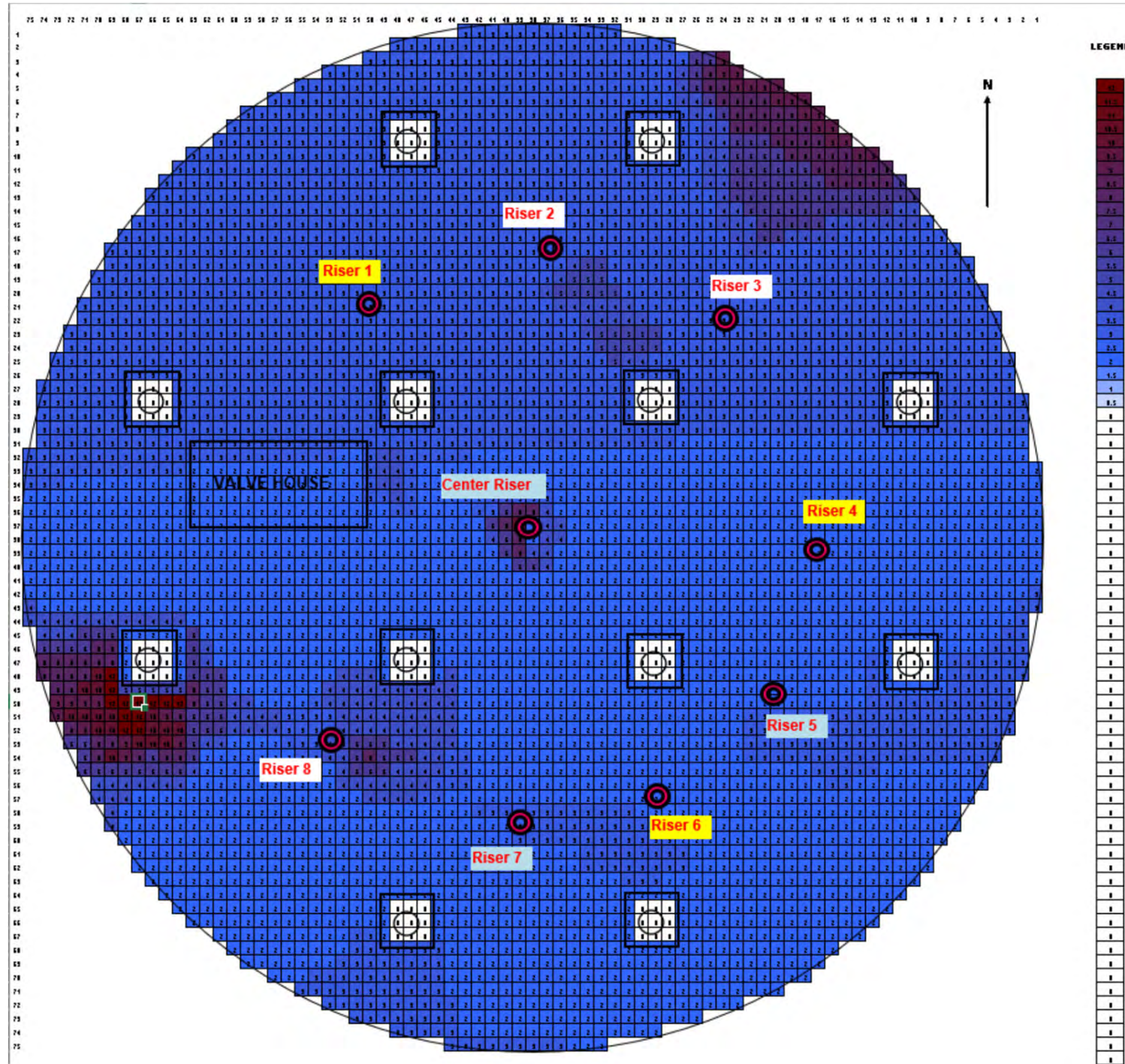
¹ Based on a preliminary estimate of the salt remaining in the annulus. Final volume determination will be included in the Closure Module.

² Based on a preliminary estimate of the solids remaining in the primary. Final volume determination will be included in the Closure Module.

³ Based on a preliminary estimate of the primary plus annulus. Final volume determination will be included in the Closure Module.

Total Percent Waste Removed 99%

Current Status of Tank 9



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Tank 9 Prior to Waste Removal Phase 2

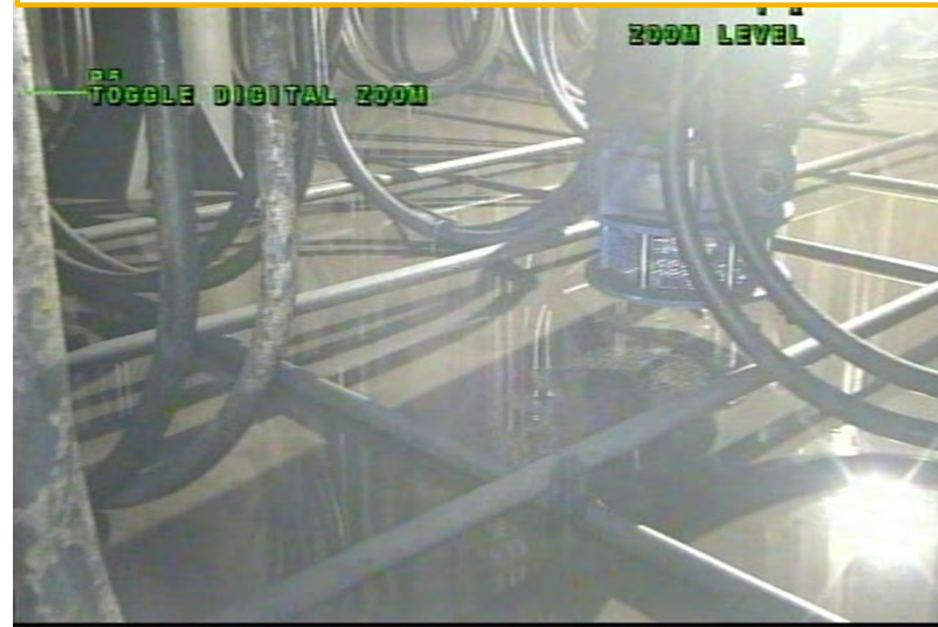


Current Status of Tank 9

Riser 4 CSMP from Center Riser



Riser 6 CSMP from Riser 5



Center Riser to West



Riser 7 to Southern Wall



Center Riser to Southeast



Center Riser to East



Current Status of Tank 9

Center Mound From Riser 7



Riser 8 Mound from Riser 7



Riser 3 Mound from Center Riser



Center Mound Southern Side



Riser 8 Mound from Center Riser



Riser 3 Mound from Center Riser



Tank 9 Annulus Cleaning



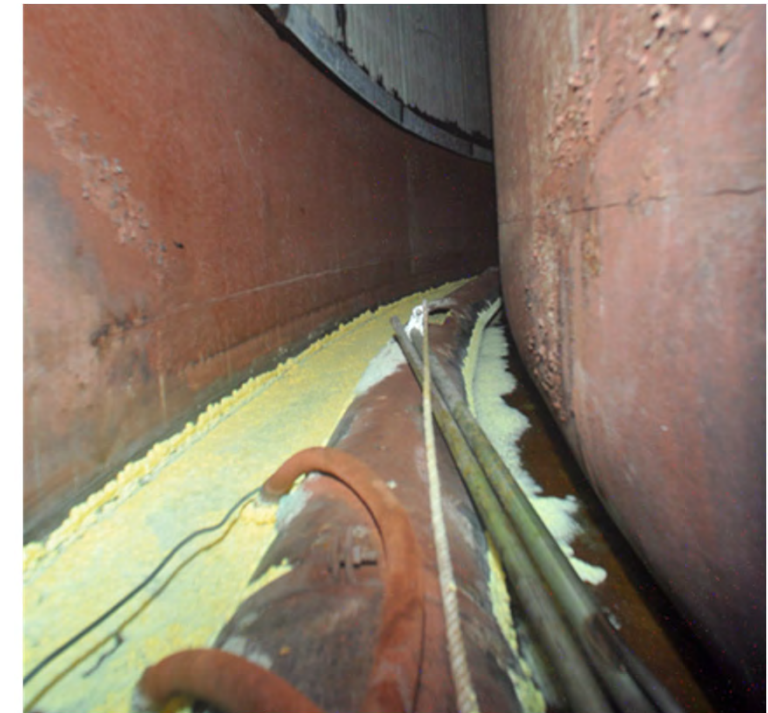
West Riser Before/After



South Riser Before/After



South Riser Before/After



Tank 9 Annulus Inspection



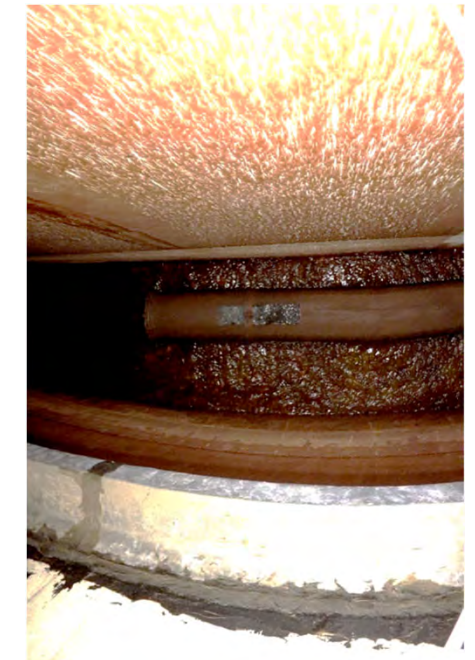
- **Annulus inspection performed utilizing a drone**
 - First use of this technology within the tank closure process
 - 100% inspection of the Tank 9 annulus was possible
- **Inspection of annular pan showed cleaning effectiveness consistent in all areas**
- **No salt accumulations were seen on either the exterior walls of the primary tank or in the annular pan**



Northwest Quadrant



Northeast Quadrant



Southwest Quadrant



Southeast Quadrant



Additional Removal Options



- **Additional mixing campaigns**

- Each new mixing campaign requires a minimum of approximately 150K gallons of water be added to Tank 9 to allow for mixing pump operation, creating additional new waste
 - *Additional new waste must be handled within the Liquid Waste System which is already challenged by available tank space to support Salt Batch compilation/qualification and Sludge Batch compilation/qualification necessary to feed Salt Waste Processing Facility (SWPF) and the Defense Waste Processing Facility (DWPF), respectively*
 - *Additional new waste must be processed through SWPF then subsequently DWPF or the Saltstone Production Facility (SPF), resulting in additional costs and impacts (i.e., extension) to the Liquid Waste System life-cycle*
- Each new mixing campaign would divert resources (i.e., funding and personnel) from other Liquid Waste System risk reduction activities
 - *E.g., impact ongoing waste removal activities in Tank 11 which is also located in the water table*
- Level of additional waste removal uncertain, but even removing the majority of the remaining material, if possible, would have a minimal impact on final performance objective concentrations and doses

Additional Removal Options



- **Chemical Cleaning**

- Any chemical cleaning campaign would require a minimum of approximately 150K gallons of water/chemicals be added to Tank 9 to allow for mixing pump operation, creating additional new waste
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 - *Low-Temperature Aluminum Dissolution anticipated to have minimal impact due to low Aluminum content expected in Tank 9 solids*
 - *Bulk Oxalic Acid Cleaning would have additional adverse impact of introduction of additional oxalates into the system*

Additional Removal Options



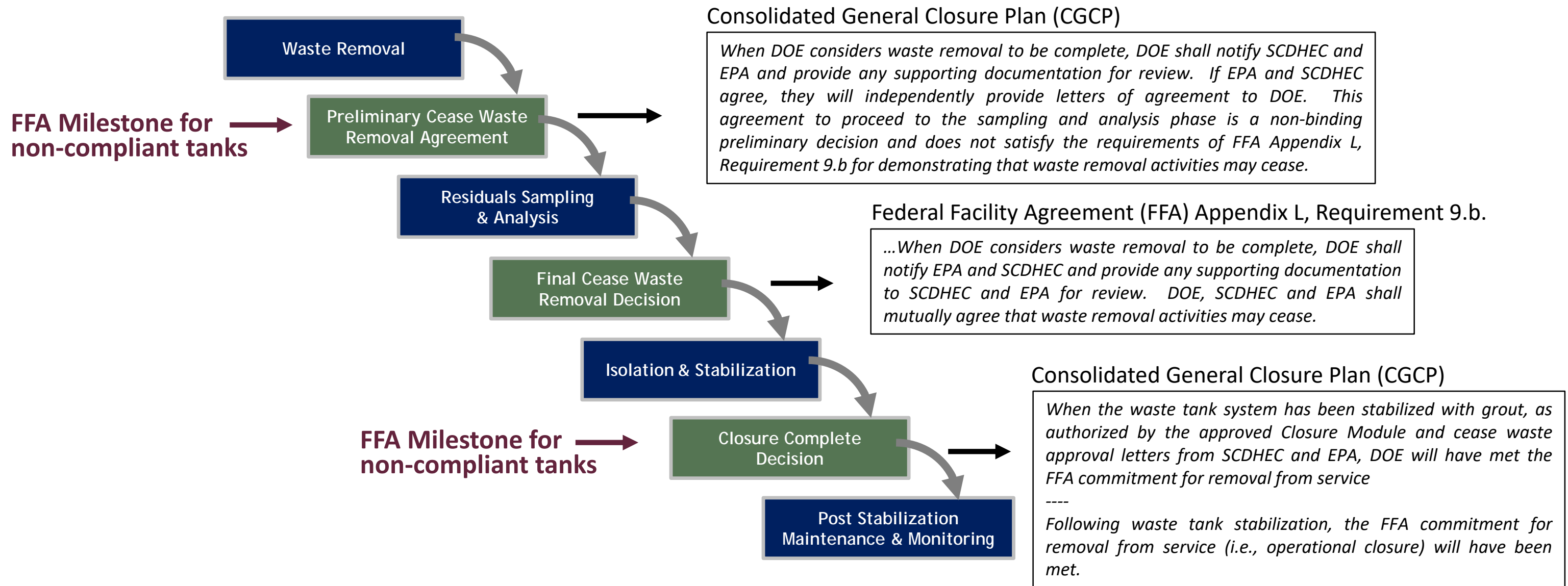
• Vacuum Technology

- Proven Mantis technology that was utilized in Tanks 18 and 19 cannot be deployed due to in-tank obstructions
- Alternate technology utilizing a smaller robotic platform with vacuum capability would require considerable development
 - *Very limited applicability at the time due to mobility around and over in-tank obstacles and associated tether management*
 - *Any water added to support removal, if required, would result in new waste and have same impact as previously described for additional mixing campaigns and chemical cleaning*
 - *Development/deployment of a new vacuum technology would divert resources (i.e., funding and personnel) from other Liquid Waste System risk reduction activities*
- Level of additional waste removal uncertain, but even removing the majority of the remaining material, if possible, would have a minimal impact on final performance objective concentrations and doses

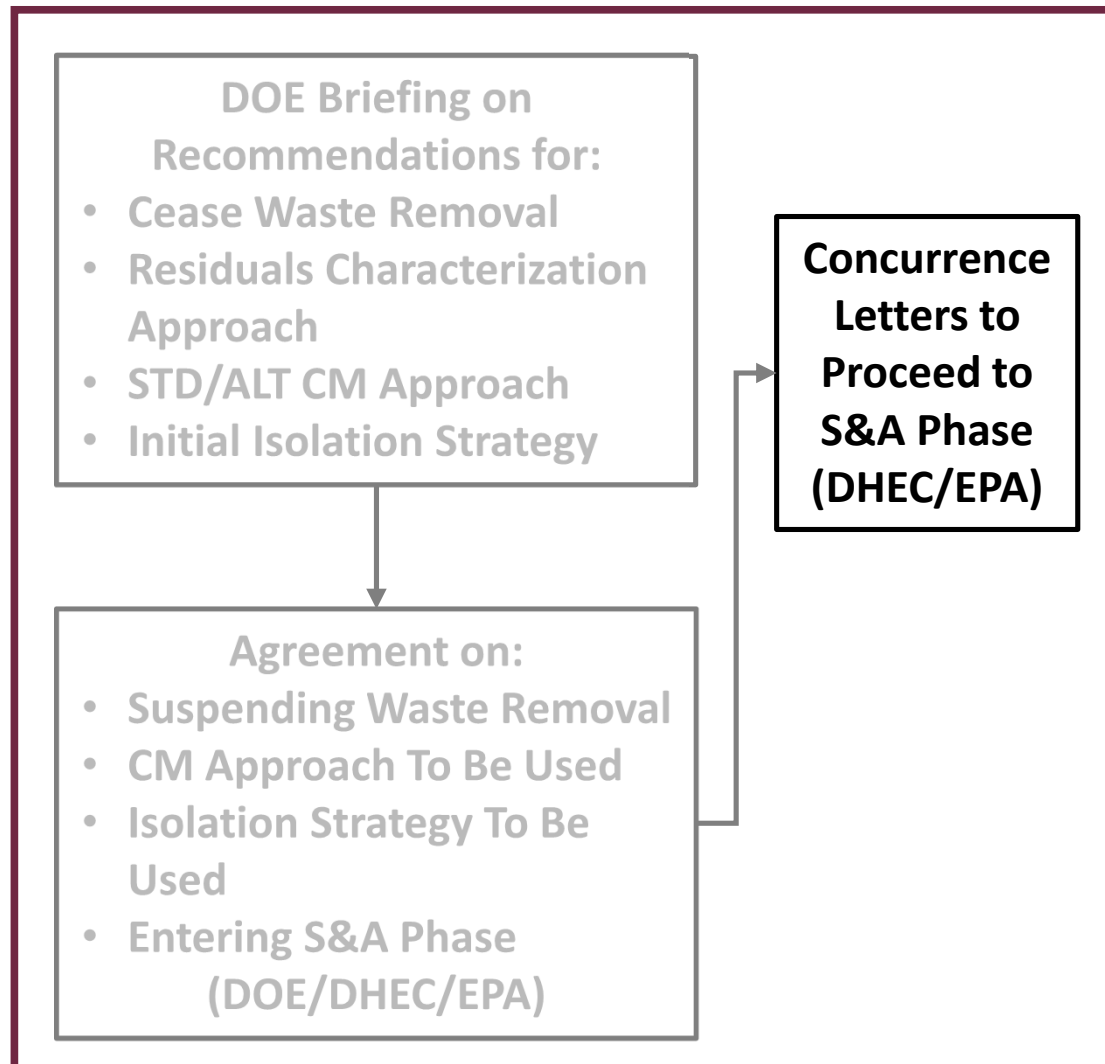
- **Additional annulus waste removal**

- Based on results from annulus inspections it is anticipated a small volume of material may be remaining on the annulus pan floor or in the ventilation duct once free liquid dries up
- Doses/concentrations associated with any waste remaining within the annulus of Tank 9 are expected to have a negligible contribution to the overall dose associated with the tank

Tank Closure Process



Requested Action



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The three agencies agree that, based upon the described qualitative assessment, **there is reasonable assurance** that it is appropriate to suspend waste removal activities and enter the Sampling and Analysis phase of the operational closure process for Tank 9.

- **DOE will forward a letter to SCDES and EPA formally requesting concurrence to proceed to the Sampling and Analysis phase in Tank 9**
 - This presentation will be attached as a primary reference
 - The requested action is a non-binding preliminary decision based on the qualitative information available at this time and presented today
- **DOE and the Liquid Waste Contractor will proceed in developing the regulatory documentation necessary to operationally close Tank 9**
 - DOE will coordinate with SCDES and EPA to establish a schedule for the development, review and approval of the Closure Module consistent with the approach described in the CGCP
 - *Initial focus has been on Tank 10 information, Tank 9 will be included going forward*
 - *Tank 11 information to follow as waste removal progresses within that tank*

Common Goals & Values*



Values

1. Maintain transparency with open communication between regulators, DOE, and the contractor on program progress, and significant emerging issues.
2. Ensure DOE's strategy and plans are subject to stakeholder engagement and input, including SCDHEC permitting processes, and CERCLA, as appropriate.
3. Maximize the amount of curies (especially long-lived radionuclides) vitrified and ready for ultimate disposal out of state.
4. Limit disposal of curies onsite at SRS so that residual radioactivity is as low as reasonably achievable.

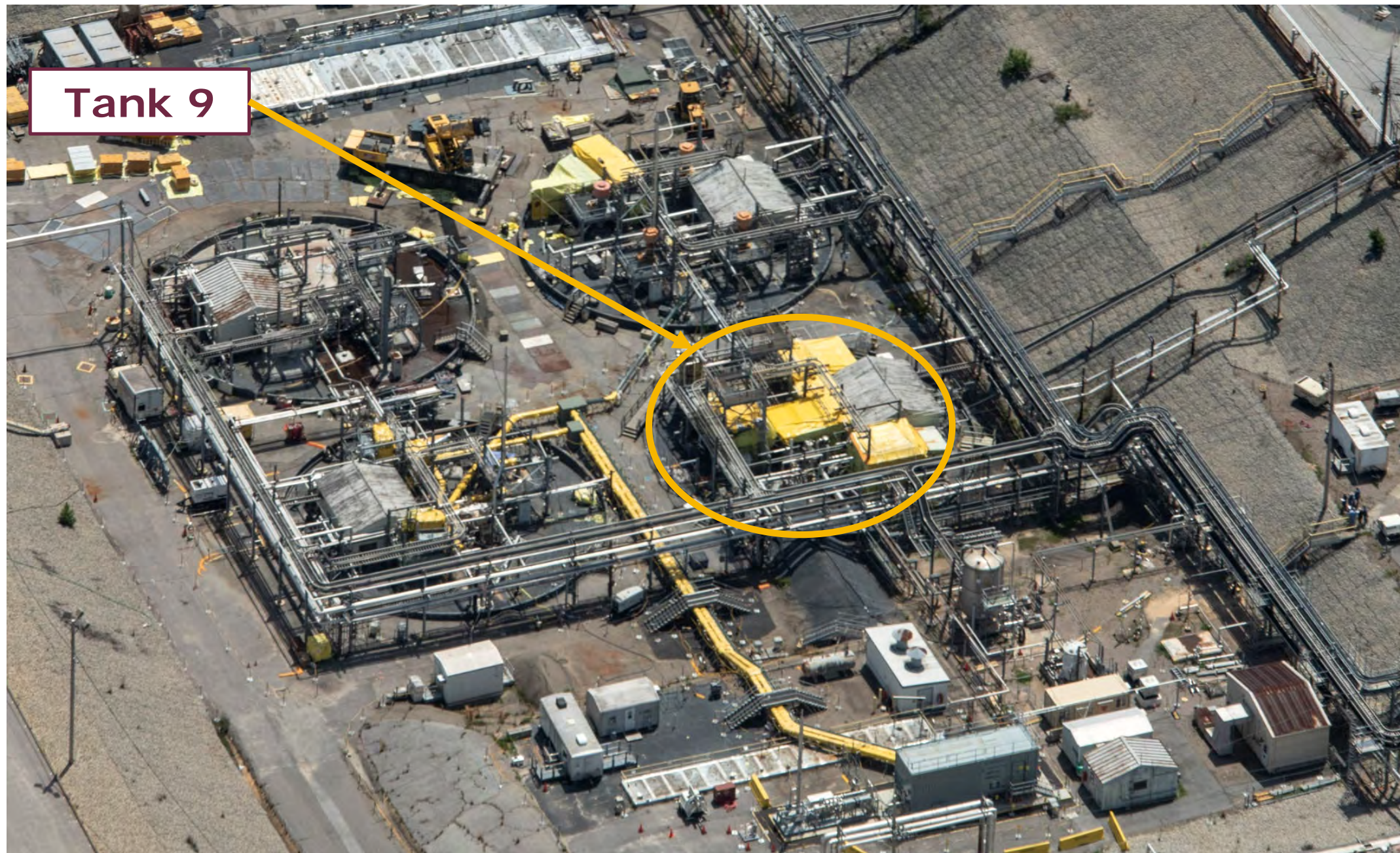
Goals

1. Reduce risk to the environment by removing waste and closing tanks with a goal of completion of the liquid waste program by 2037.
2. Reduce operational and environmental risk by aggressively removing curies from the waste tanks.
3. Reduce operational and environmental risk by optimizing operations to minimize liquid waste program total life cycle.
4. Complete waste removal and subsequent grouting of all waste tanks and ancillary structures with a risk-based priority order: **first to tanks in the water table**, followed by F Tank Farm tanks, followed by remainder of waste tanks, followed by ancillary structures, recognizing the potential for future emergent conditions or opportunities.

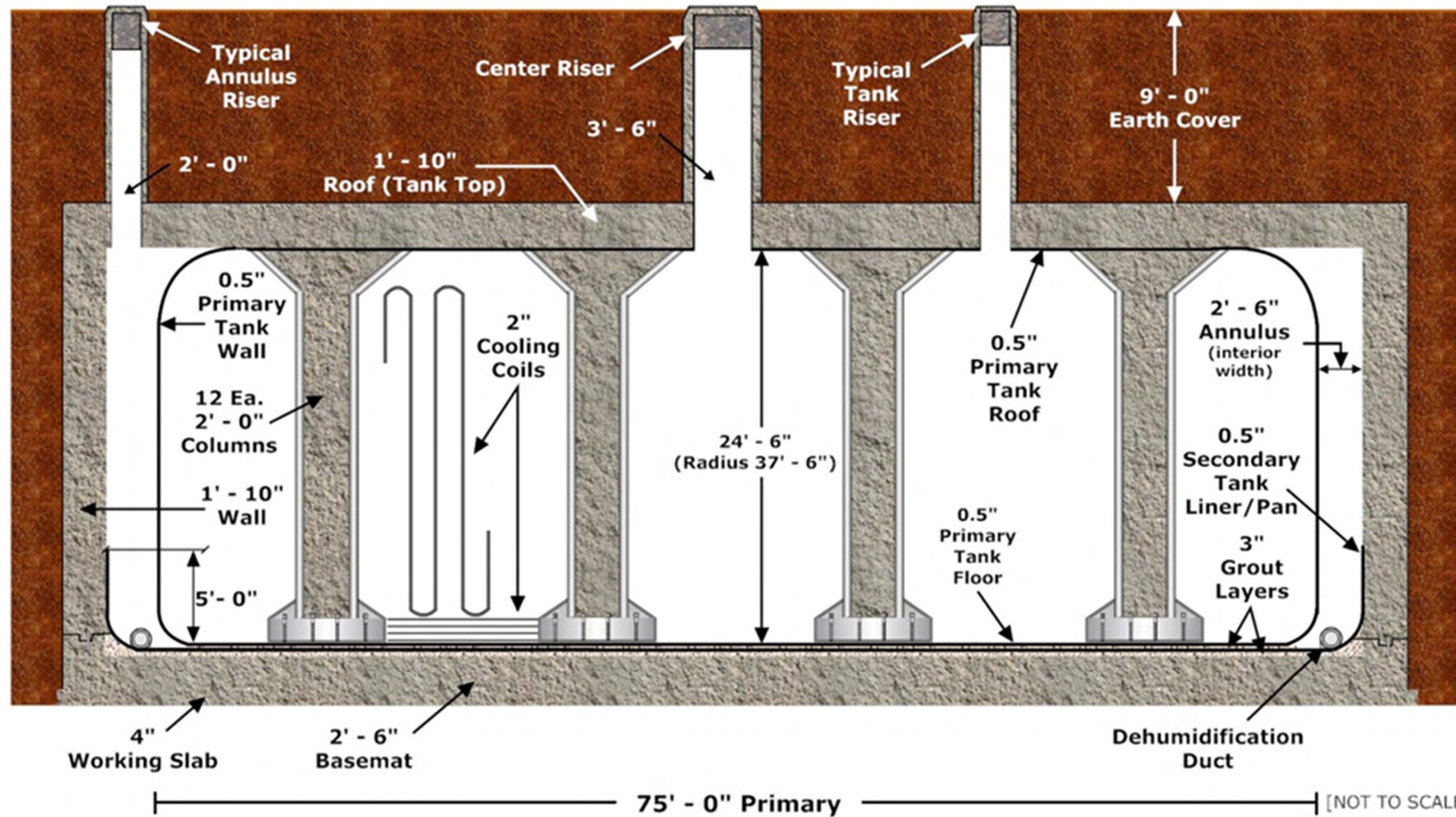
**From Federal Facility Agreement (FFA) 2022 High Level Waste Tank Milestones Agreement [WSRC-OS-94-42]*

Background Information

Tank 9



Typical Type I Tank



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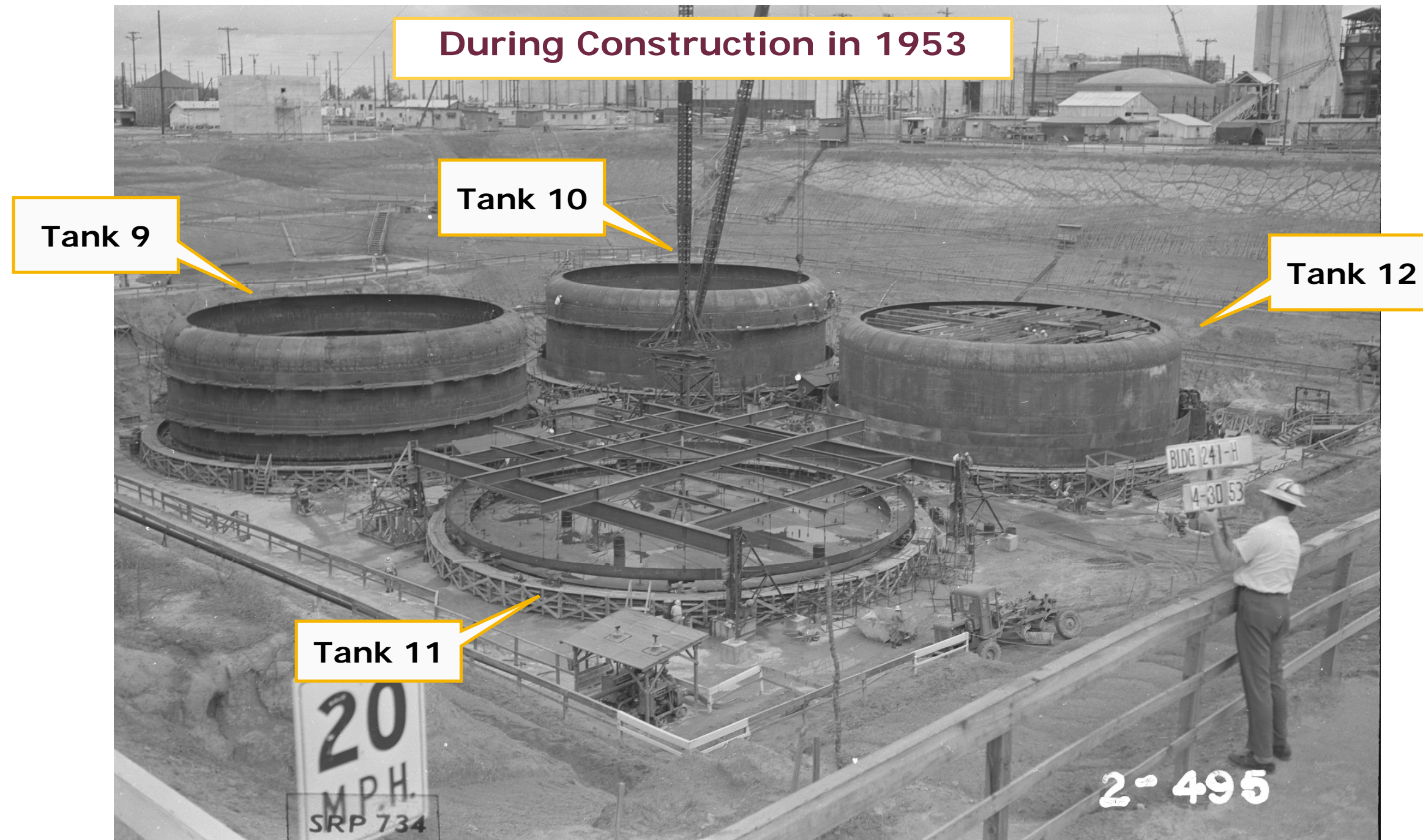
Typical Type I Tank



- Carbon steel primary tank and secondary liner (annular pan) all contained in a concrete vault
- Nominal working capacity: 750,000 gallons
- For a Type I Tank, 1" of waste equals 2,710 gallons
- Primary tank diameter: 75 feet
- Primary tank height: 24.5 feet
- Annular pan diameter: 80 feet
 - 2.5-foot annular space surrounding primary
- Annular pan height: 5 feet
- 12 interior support columns
 - 2-foot diameter
- 34 vertical cooling coil runs suspended from the ceiling
- 2 horizontal cooling coil runs supported above the floor

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HTF Type I Tanks



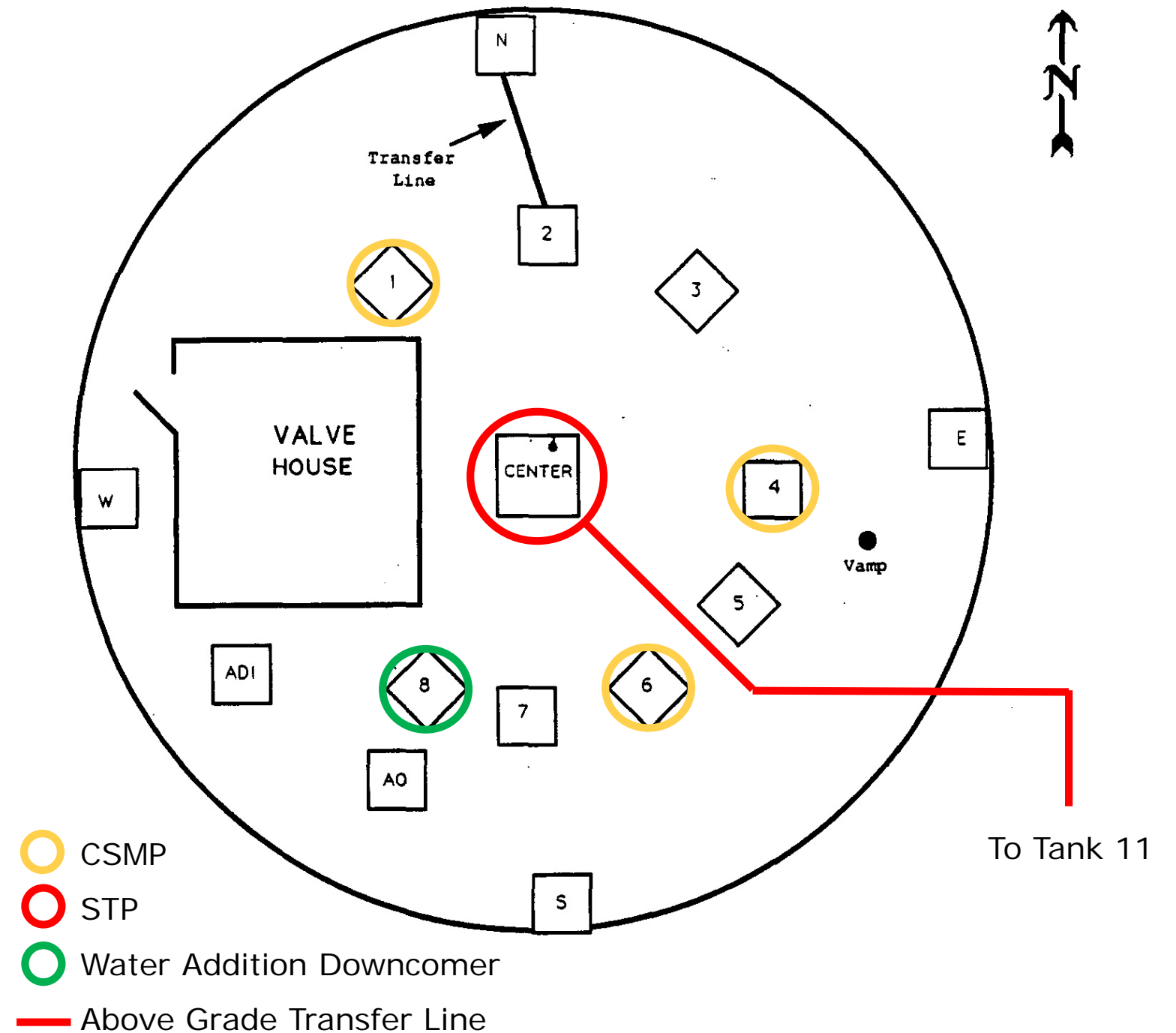
Typical Type I Tank Challenges



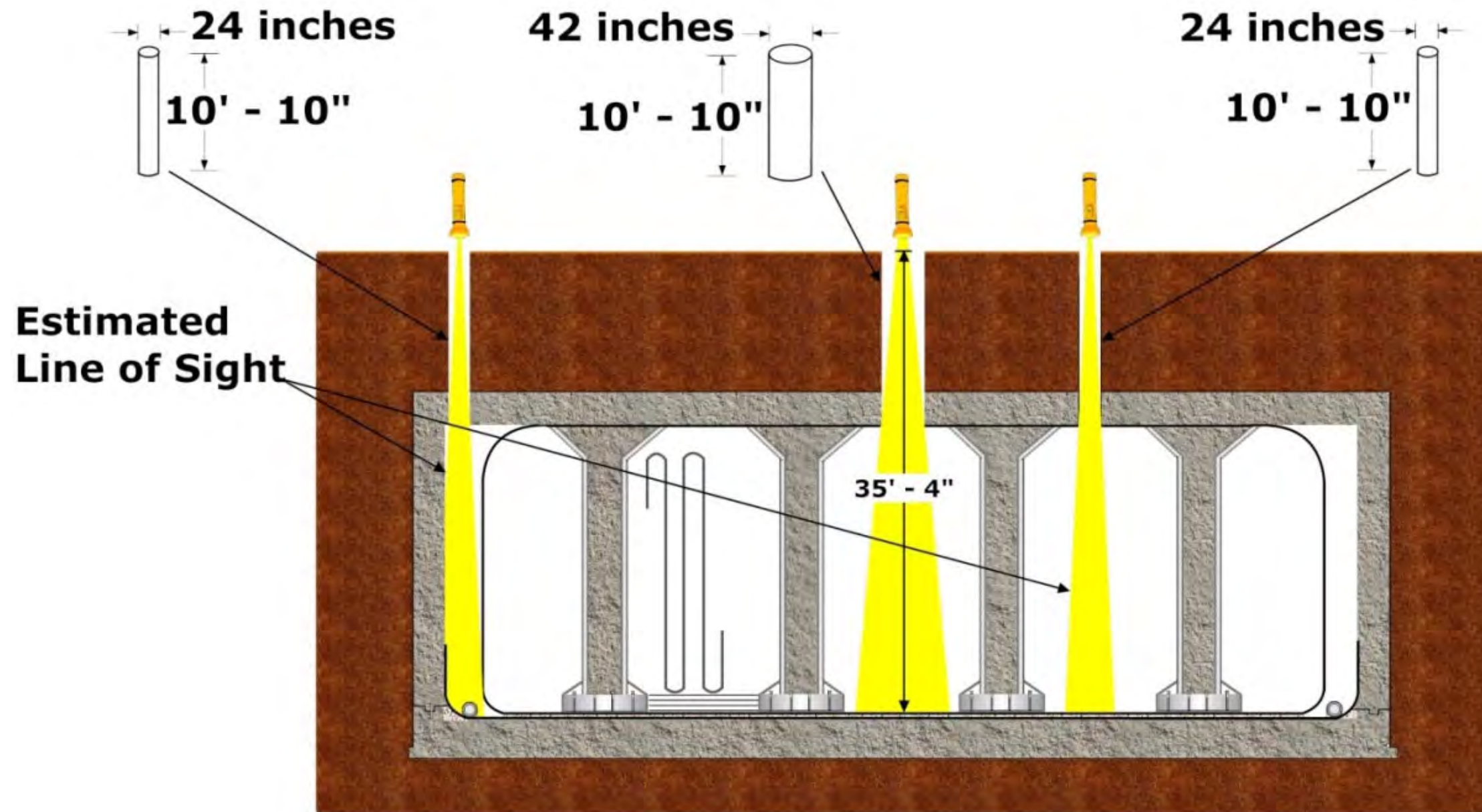
- **Type I tanks some of the most challenging waste tanks in H-Tank Farm (HTF) for removal of solids**
- **Challenges include:**
 - Limited access ports (risers)
 - Presence of roof support columns
 - Approximately 22,800 linear feet (over four miles) of 2-inch inner diameter vertical and horizontal cooling coils
 - “Field-to-fit” horizontal cooling coil “fences”
- **Tanks were not designed with waste removal in mind**

Type I Tank Riser Limitations

- **Primary access**
 - Eight 24-inch risers
 - One 42-inch central riser
- **Annulus access**
 - Four 24-inch risers
- **Limited riser entrances hinder:**
 - Pump placement
 - Cleaning operations
 - Camera viewing
 - Sampling options



Type I Tank Riser Limitations



NOTE: Risers may be impeded by installed equipment.

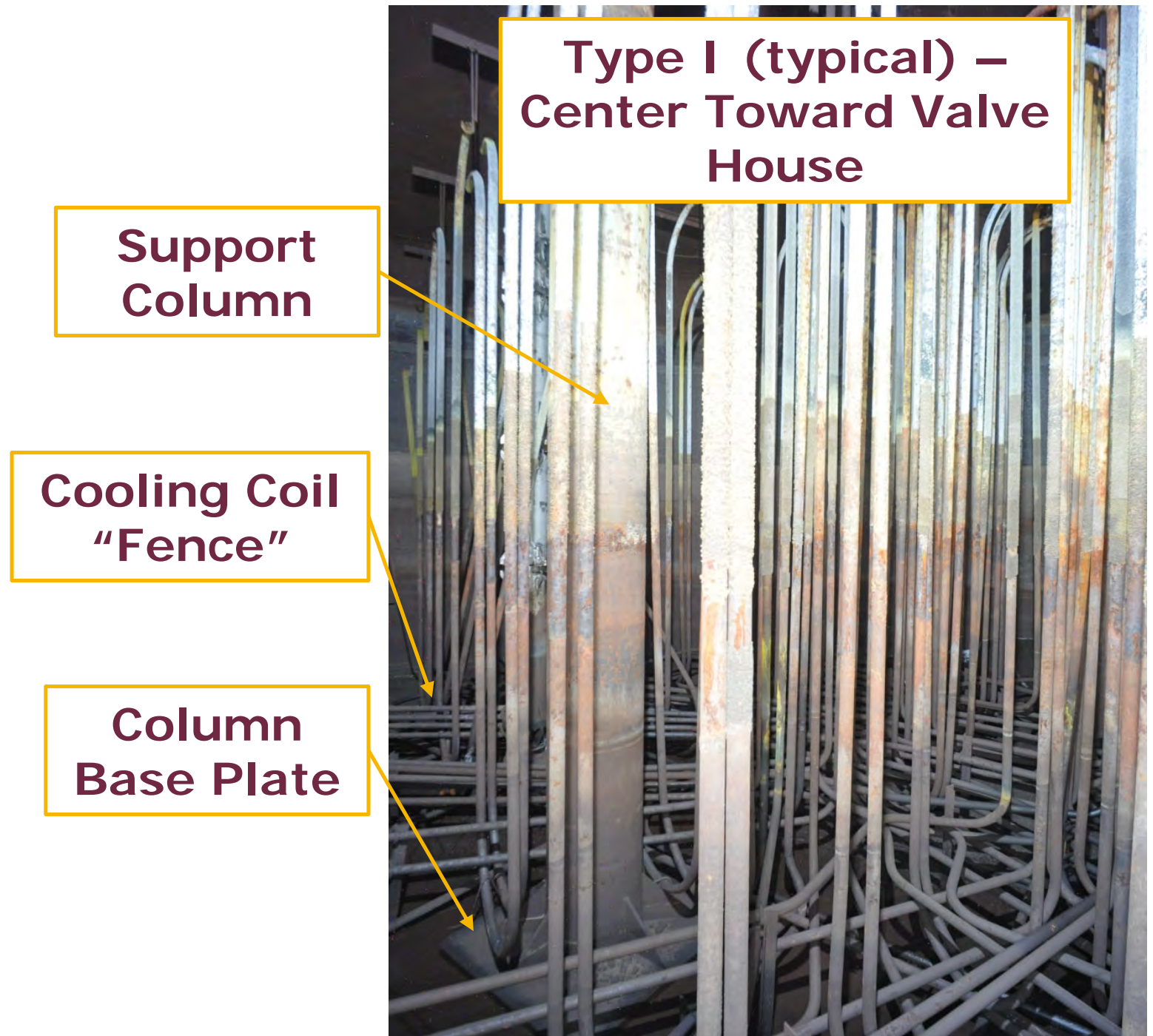
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Type I Tank Columns and Cooling Coils



- A total of 12 support columns in each Type I tank
 - Carbon steel filled with concrete
 - 2-foot diameter
 - 4.5-foot x 4.5-foot x 4.5-inch base plate
- Type I tanks contain approximately 22,800 linear feet of 2-inch diameter cooling coils
- Horizontal coils were installed “field-to-fit”
- Columns and cooling coils together impact installation and/or operation of waste removal related equipment
 - Effective cleaning radius of pumps
 - Full installation of pumps
 - Sampling device deployment



Type I Tank Cooling Coil Valve House



Valve House Interior

View From Inside Tank (Under the Valve House)



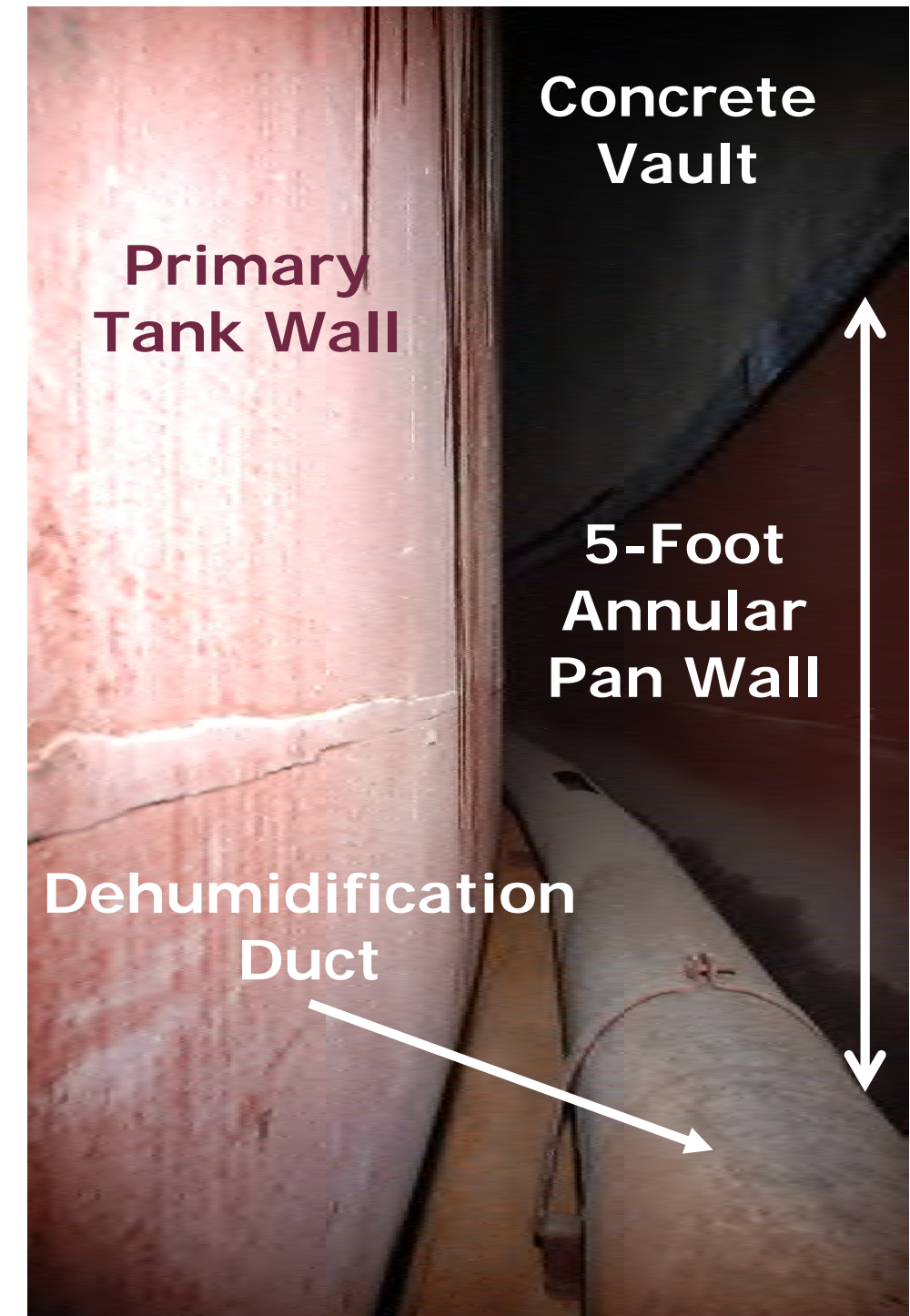
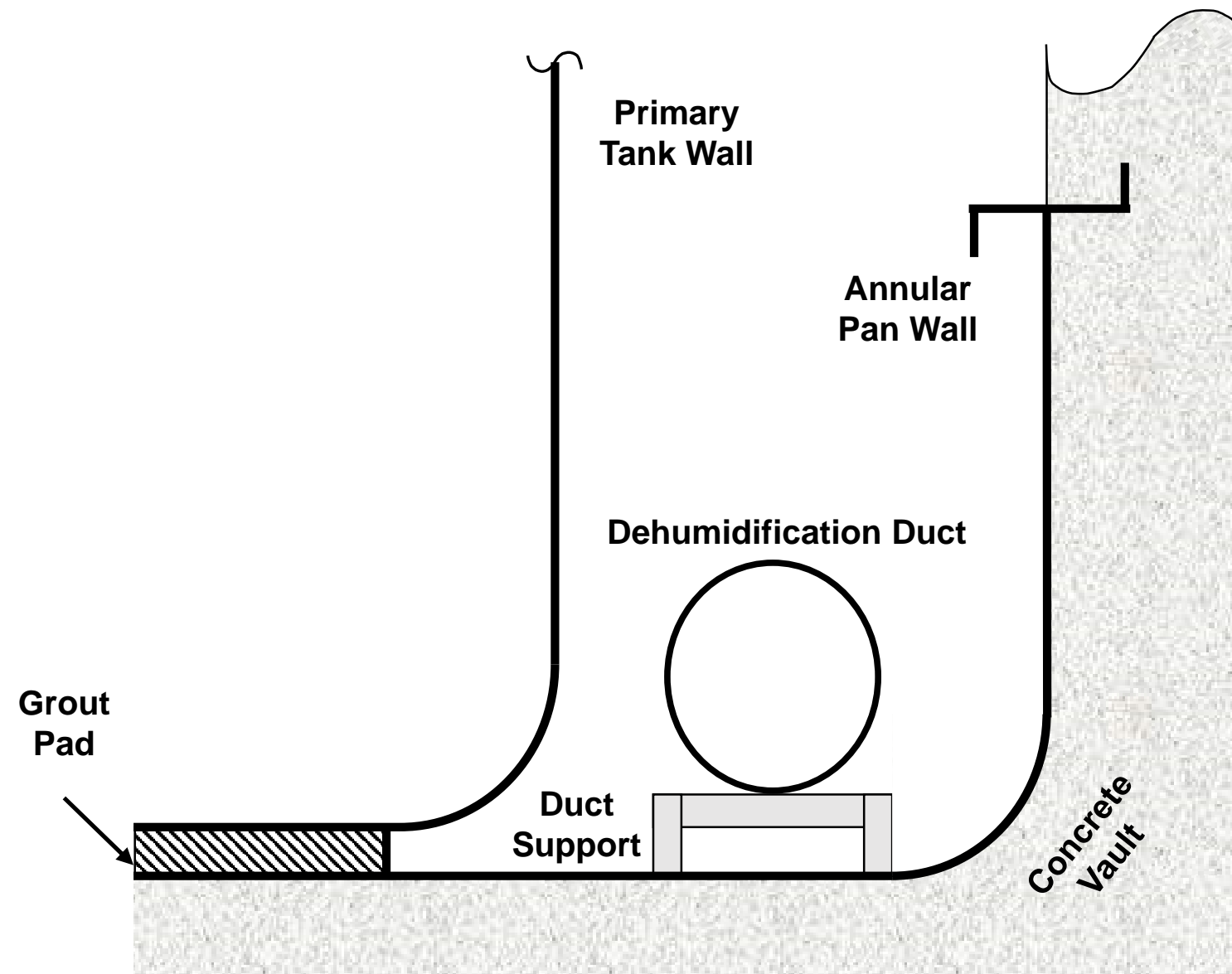
Tank 9 Valve House

Cooling coil lines entering and exiting waste tank



Type I Tank Annular Region

5-foot high, 80-foot diameter annular pan provides secondary containment



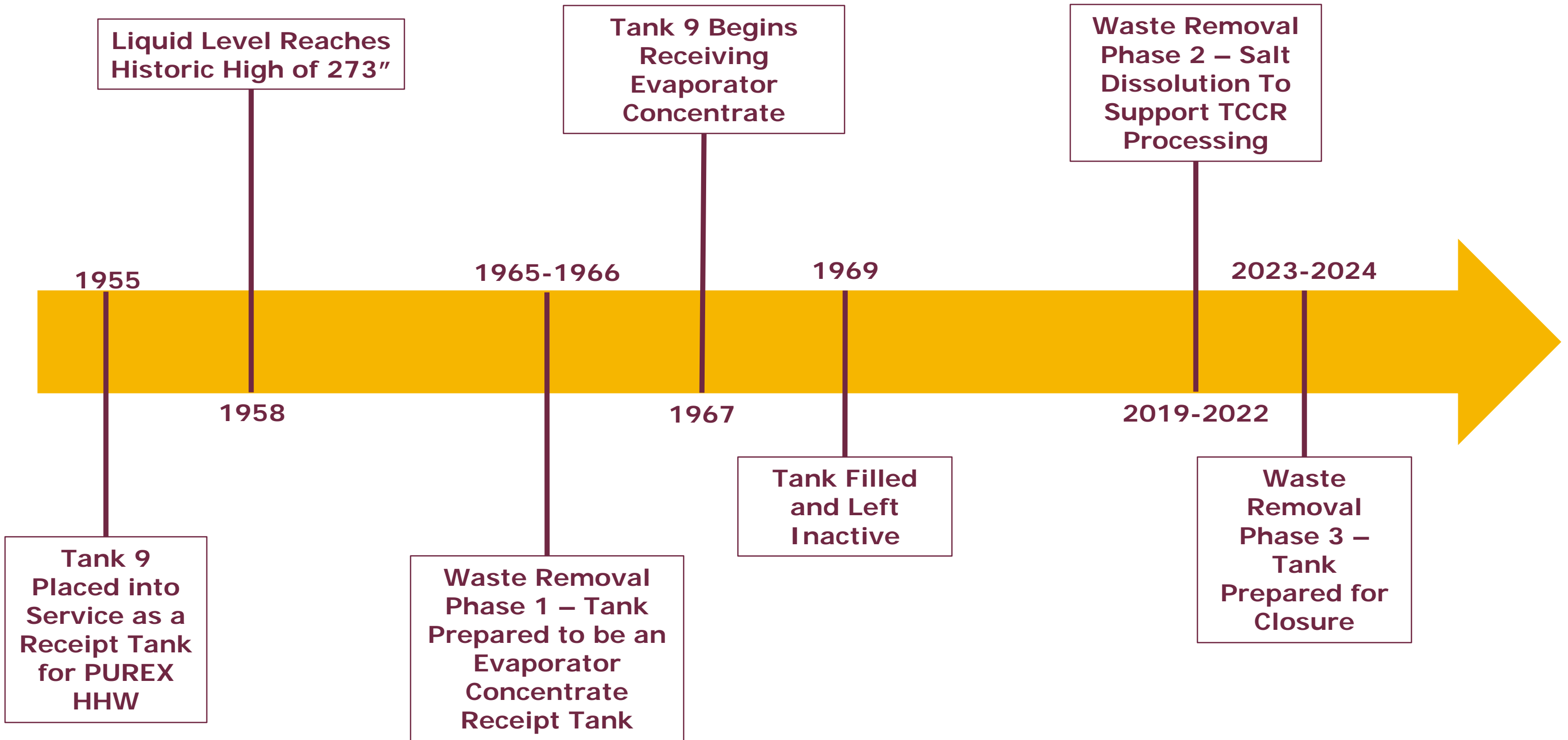
Tank 9 Operational History



- **Constructed between 1951 and 1953**
- **Received High Heat Waste (HHW) from the Plutonium-Uranium Extraction Process (PUREX) from 1955 through 1958**
- **Maximum historical waste level in 1958**
 - 273" or ~740K gallons
- **Waste Removal Phase 1 performed from 1965 through 1966**
 - ~542K gallons of liquid transferred out of Tank 9 to Tank 13, bringing liquid level to 56" (~152K gallons)
 - ~42K gallons of sludge was slurried using high pressure jets and transferred out via submersible mixing pumps (SMPs). The liquid level after this activity was 2.75"
- **Served as a receipt tank for evaporator concentrate from 1967 to 1969**
 - Tank considered full with ~550K gallons of salt and left inactive
- **Waste storage/waste retrieval activities 1969 to present**
 - Waste retrieval resumed in 2019 to support feed for the Tank Closure Cesium Removal (TCCR) Unit
- **First material discovered in annulus pan in 1957 (leak site unknown)**
 - Nine annulus flushes were completed from 1958 to 1959 to return salt to the Tank 9 primary
 - As of 2023, at least four leak sites identified, three of which have known locations
 - There were approximately 8-10" of salt waste in the annulus pan (at ~400 gallons/inch) prior to annulus cleaning activities

[DPSPU-79-11-1, DPSP-69-1-11, SRMC-STI-2024-00076]

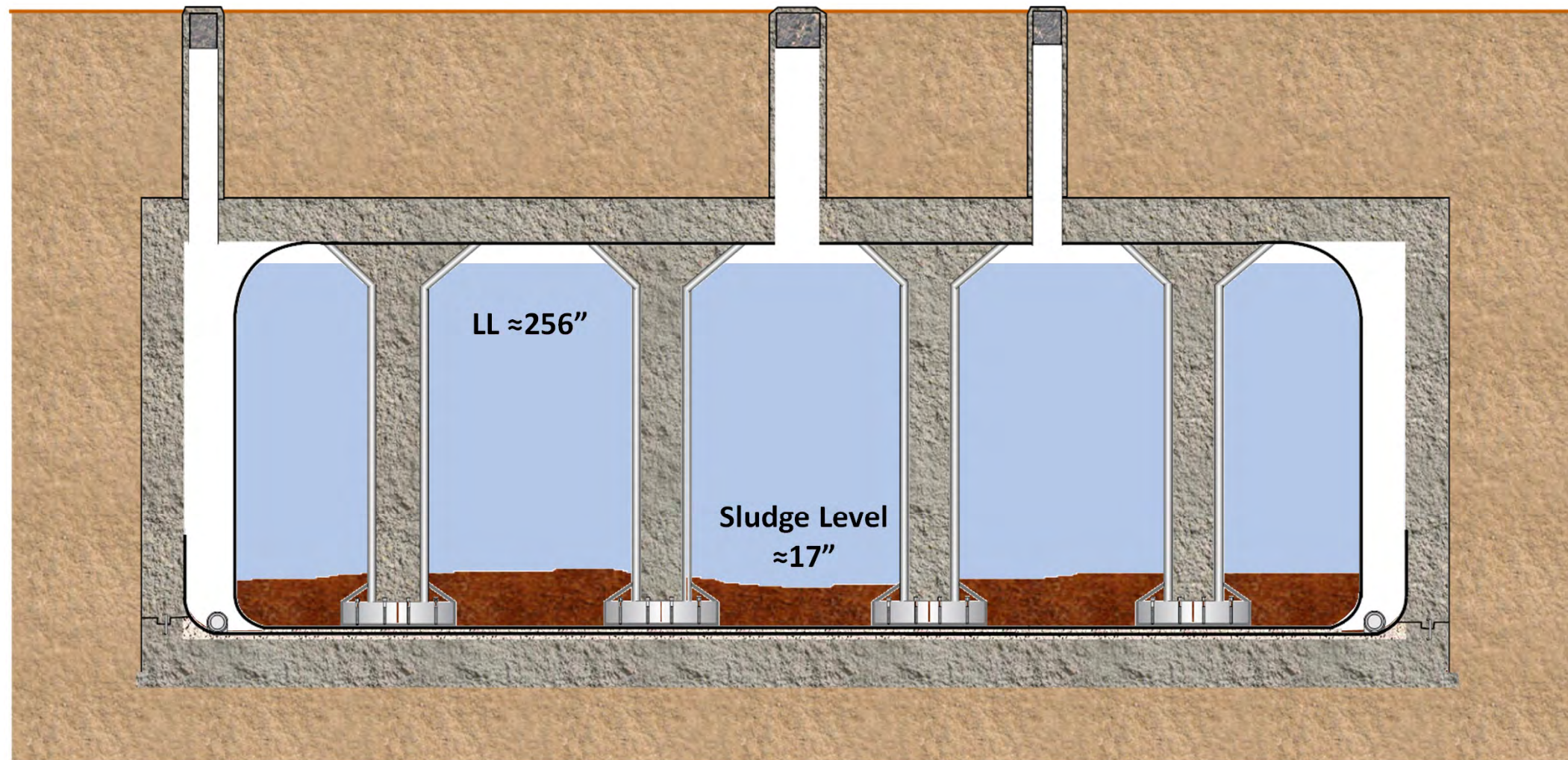
Tank 9 Historical Timeline



Tank 9 Waste Removal Phase 1



Tank 9 Before the Start of Waste Removal Phase 1 (1965)



LL - Liquid Level

[DPSPU-79-11-1]

Tank 9 Waste Removal Phase 1



- **Supernate and solids removed to prepare Tank 9 to be a 242-H Evaporator concentrate receipt tank**
 - Removed ~542K gallons of supernate above sludge solids in December of 1965
 - Sludge removal utilized high-pressure sluicers and multiple transfer pumps
 - Removed ~240K gallons of sludge slurry (~42K gallons of sludge)
 - Estimated remaining sludge volume of approximately 2,700 – 5,400 gallons (~1-2")

High-Pressure Sluicing Device

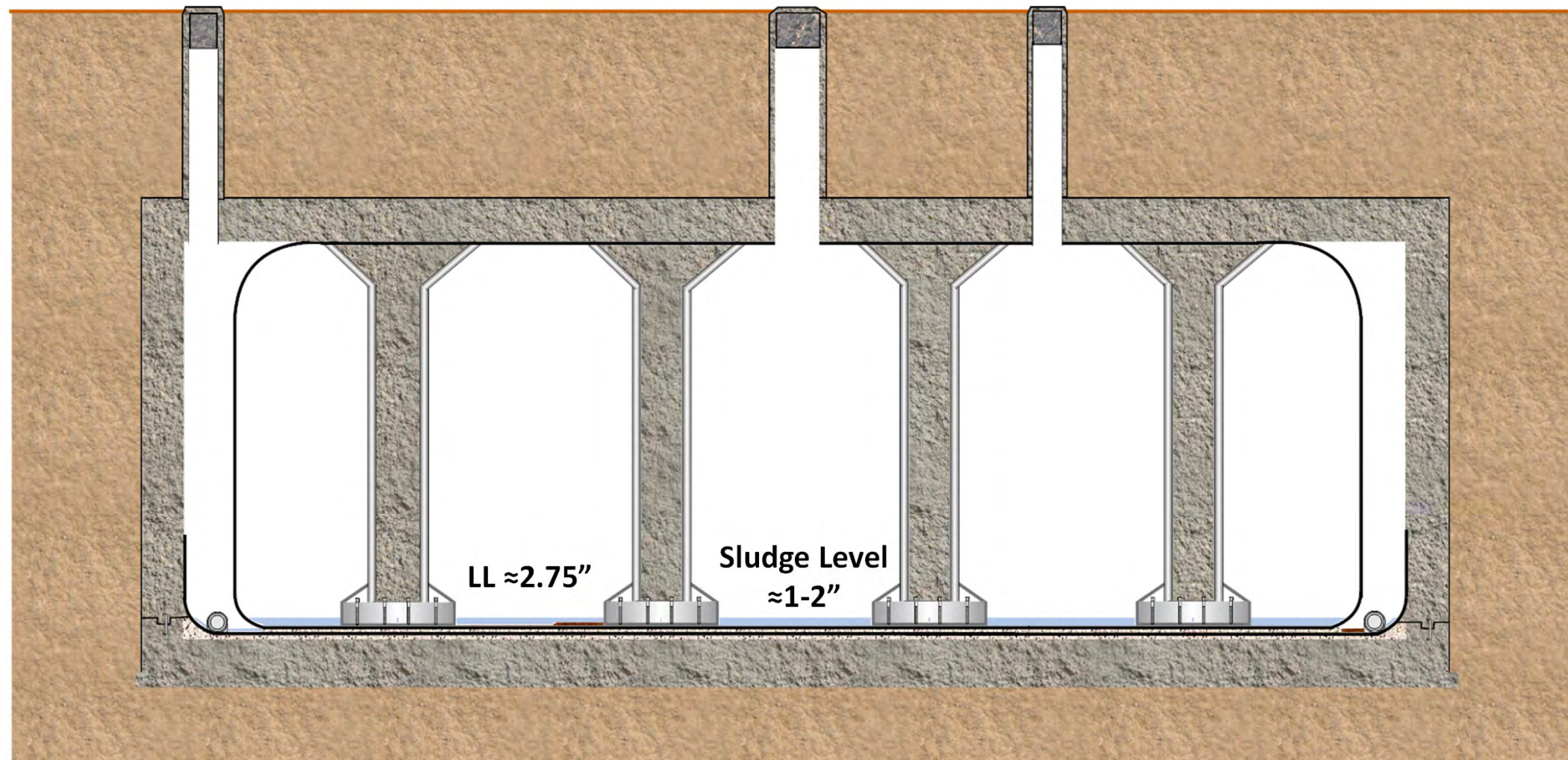


[DPSPU-79-11-1, DPSP-65-1-12-S, DPSP-66-1-8-S, DPST-70-512]

Tank 9 Waste Removal Phase 1



Tank 9 After Waste Removal Phase 1 (1967)



[DPSPU-79-11-1, DPSP-66-1-8-S, DPST-70-512]

Tank 9 Post Waste Removal Phase 1



- Tank 9 was used as a receipt tank for 242-H Evaporator concentrate from 1967 to 1969
- Tank 9 was deemed full with ~550K gallons in November of 1969
- Tank was left inactive until 2019, during which time the liquid level decreased due to cooling and evaporation
- As of June 2019, Tank 9 was estimated to contain 203.5" (~551K gallons) of waste
 - *Historical documentation on sludge level within the tank prior to being used as a concentrate receipt tank from 1967 to 1969 varies, early documentation estimated 1-2"*

[DPSPU-79-11-1, DPSP-69-1-11, U-ESR-H-00181 Rev. 1]

Tank 9 Prior to Waste Removal Phase 2



Tank 9 Waste Removal Phase 2



- **A Low Volume Mixing Jet (LVMJ) was installed in Riser 4 and two downcomers in Risers 1 and 8 to begin Phase 2**
 - LVMJs are deployed when salt level is too high to install mixing pumps
 - Allowed for distributed water additions, reducing the likelihood of salt peaks forming
- **Hydro-lancing was carried out in both the Center Riser and Riser 7 to support equipment installation**

Low Volume Mixing Jet

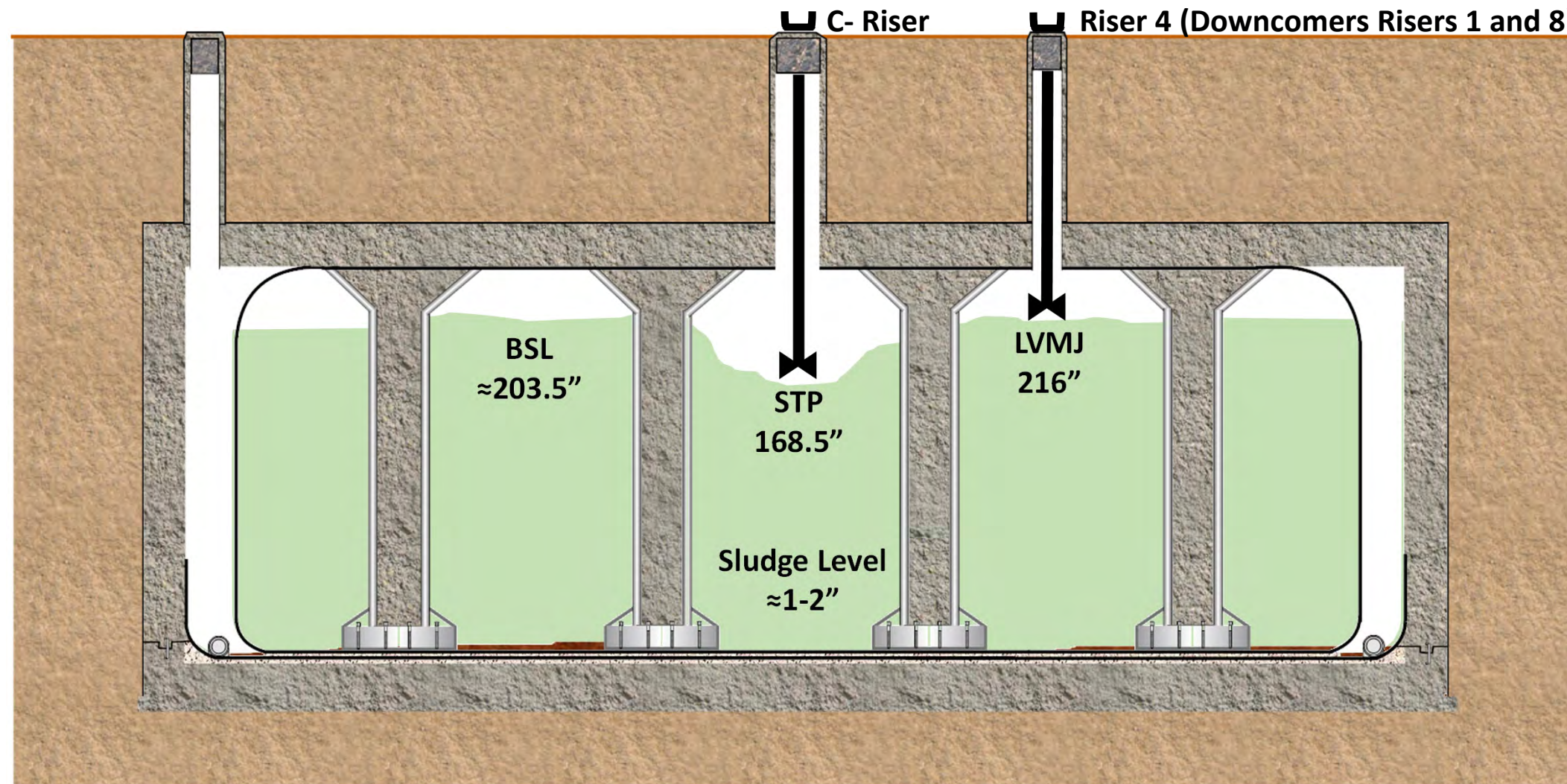


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Tank 9 Waste Removal Phase 2



Tank 9 Before the Start of Waste Removal Phase 2 (2019)



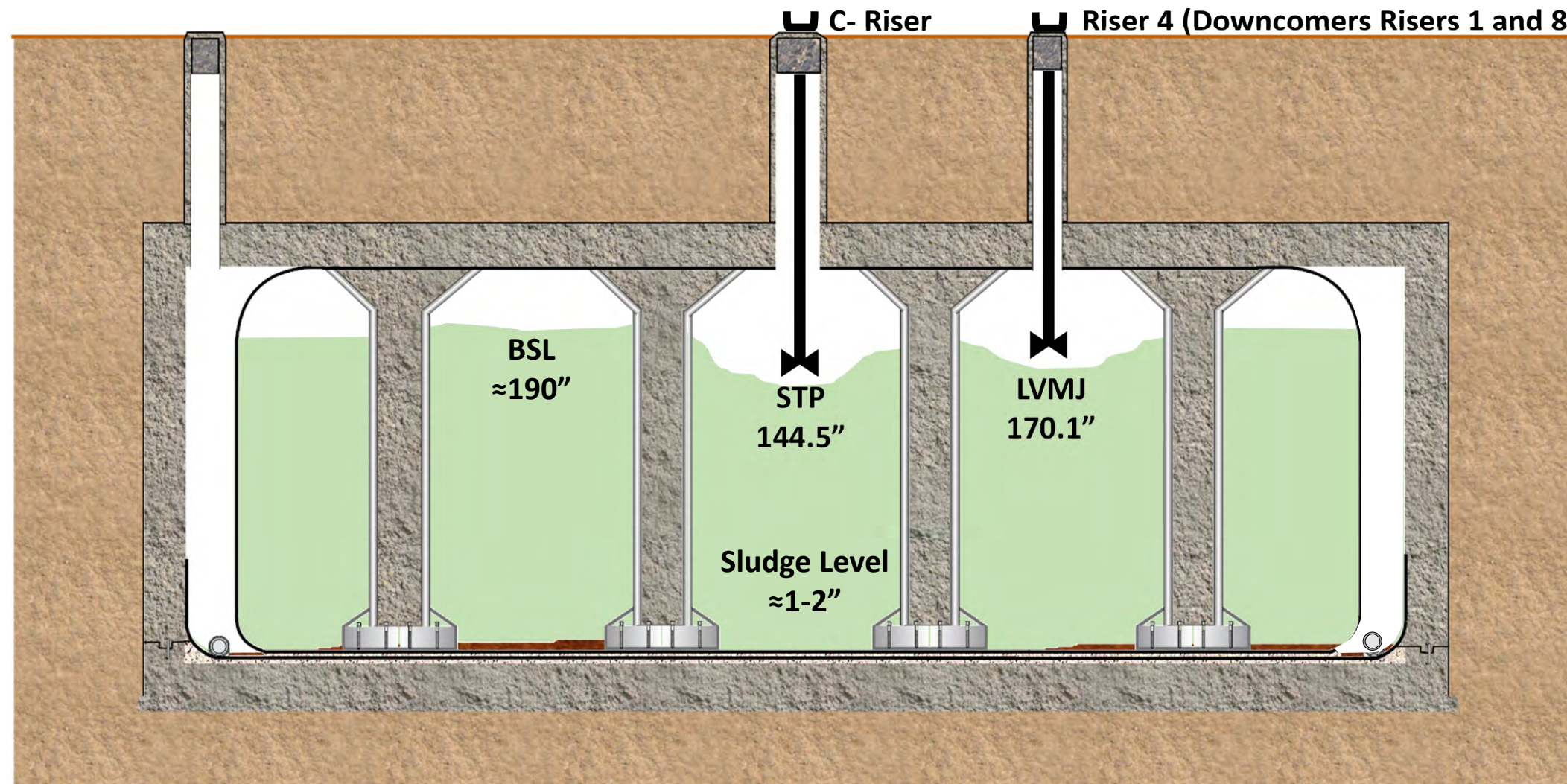
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BSL – Bulk Salt Level
LVMJ – Low Volume Mixing Jet
STP – Submersible Transfer Pump

- **Waste removal efforts in Tank 9 were undertaken to prepare salt solution for TCCR processing**
- **From June 2019 to March 2020, 30K gallons of water were added to Tank 9 to begin salt dissolution**
- **From May 2021 to June 2022 a total of five cycles of water addition and transfer of Dissolved Salt Solution (DSS) to Tank 10, the TCCR feed tank, took place**
 - LVMJ and STP lowered during dissolution cycles
 - 193K gallons of water were added to Tank 9
 - 237K gallons of DSS were transferred out to Tank 10
 - The Bulk Salt Level (BSL) was reduced from 203.5" to 190"
- **In July of 2022, the decision was made to pause TCCR operations in order to accelerate overall risk reduction (i.e., removal of waste) for Tanks 9, 10 and 11**

[U-ESR-H-00181 Rev. 1, WDPD-20-25, SRR-CWDA-2019-00007 Rev. 28, SRR-CWDA-2019-00007 Rev. 29]

Tank 9 After Waste Removal Phase 2 (July 2022)



[U-ESR-H-00181 Rev. 2, SRR-CWDA-2019-00007 Rev. 28, SRR-CWDA-2019-00007 Rev. 29, SW11.1-WTE-7.2 Rev. 142, SW11.1-WTE-7.8 Rev. 27]

Bulk Salt Dissolution Preparations



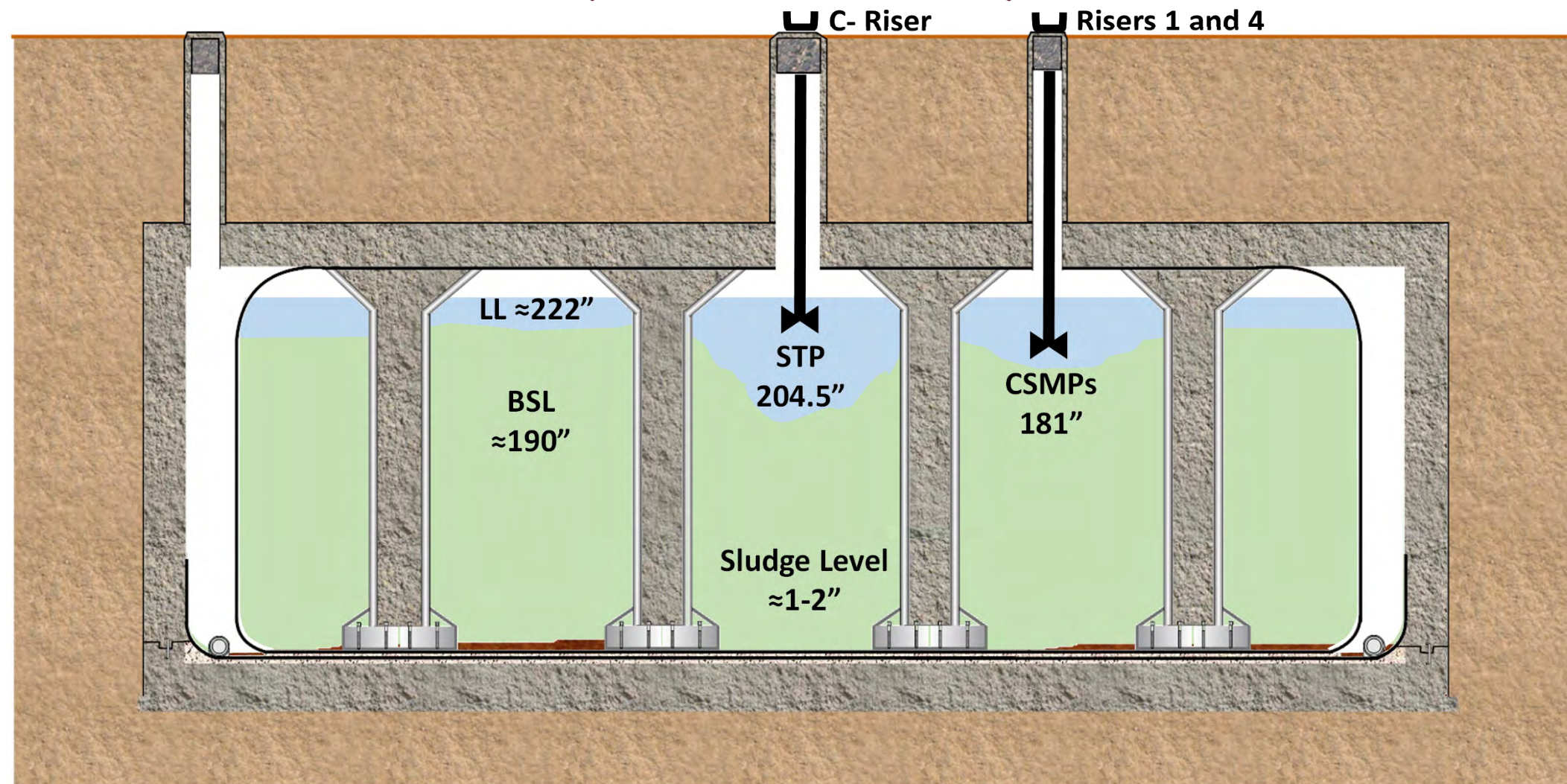
- **Tank 9 equipment was updated and replaced to improve the efficiency of future salt dissolution campaigns for waste removal**
 - LVMJ was removed from Riser 4 and a downcomer was removed from Riser 1
 - Two Commercial Submersible Mixing Pumps (CSMPs) were installed in Risers 1 and 4 at 181"
 - The STP in the Center Riser was replaced
 - A new Hose-in-Hose Transfer Line (HIHTL) was established to allow transfers directly from Tank 9 to Tank 11



Waste Removal Phase 3-Campaign 1



Tank 9 At Start of Waste Removal Phase 3-Campaign 1 (November 2023)

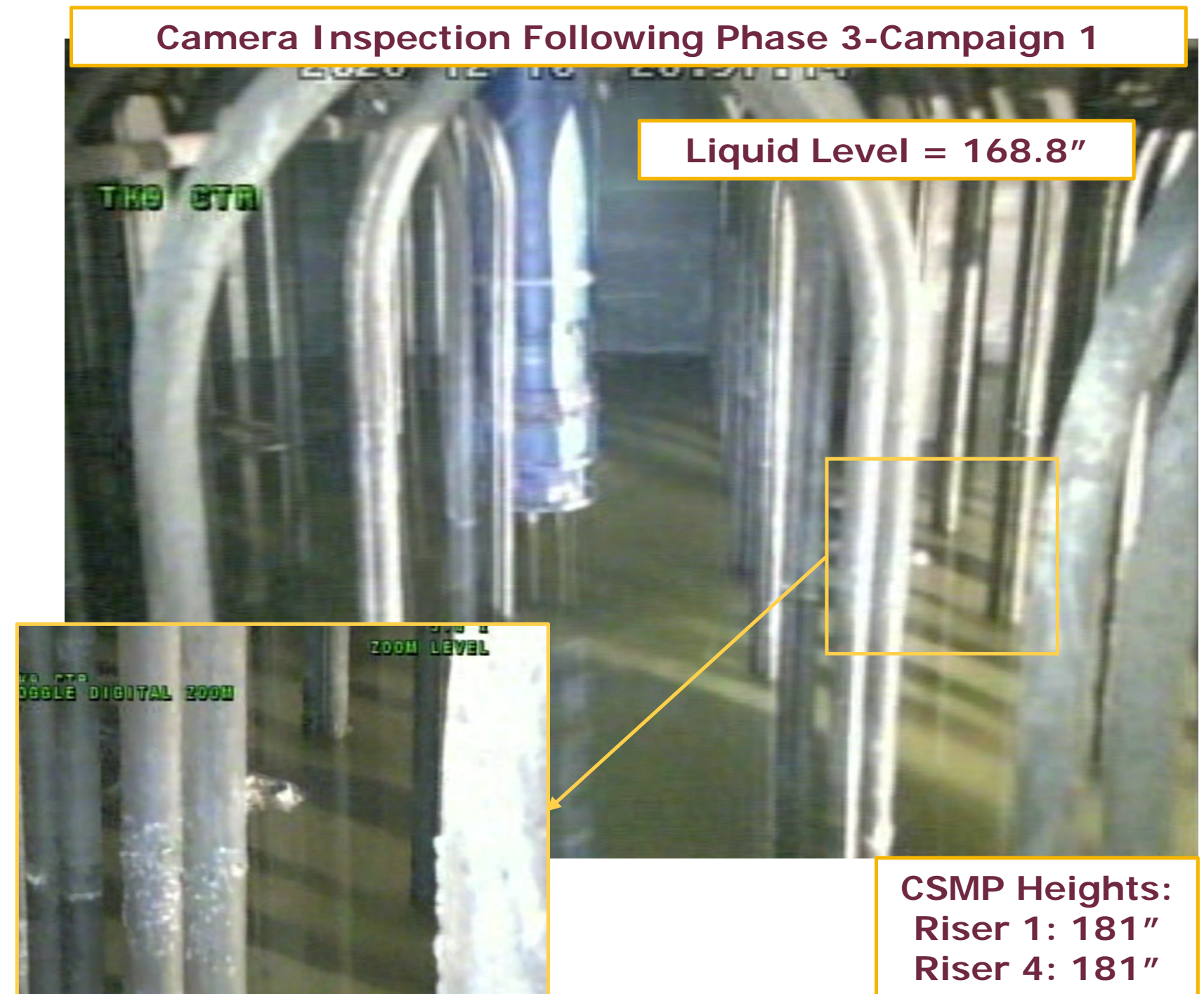


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Waste Removal Phase 3-Campaign 1



- ~59K gallons of well water added
- Two CSMPs in Risers 1 and 4 operated in oscillation mode at half speed (900 RPM) for ~3.5 days
- Transfer of ~ 136K gallons DSS from Tank 9 to Tank 11 completed on December 11, 2023
- DSS transferred had a density of 1.367 g/mL indicating very good salt dissolution
- BSL estimated to be reduced from 190" to 169"

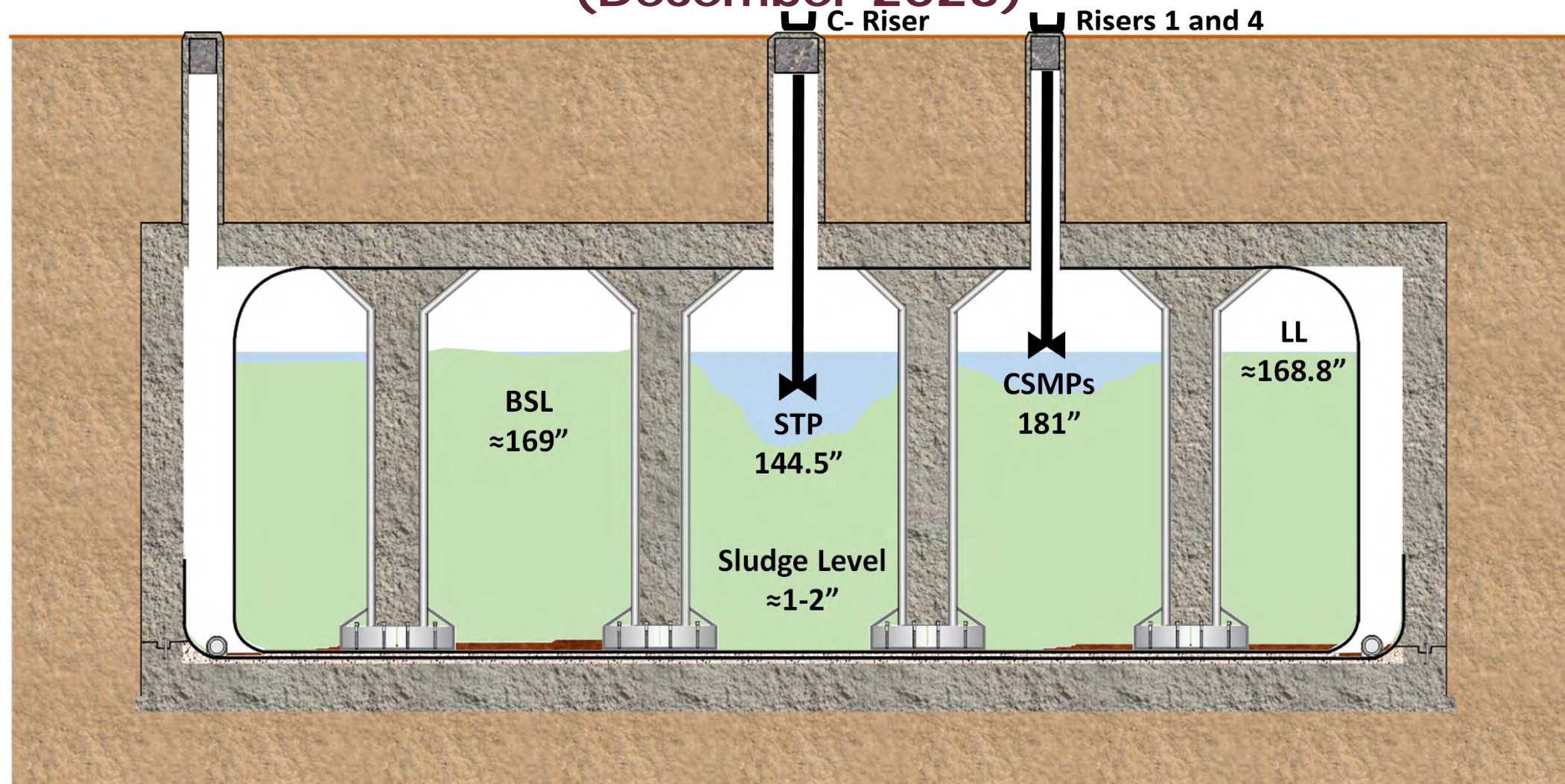


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Waste Removal Phase 3-Campaign 1



Tank 9 At Conclusion of Waste Removal Phase 3-Campaign 1
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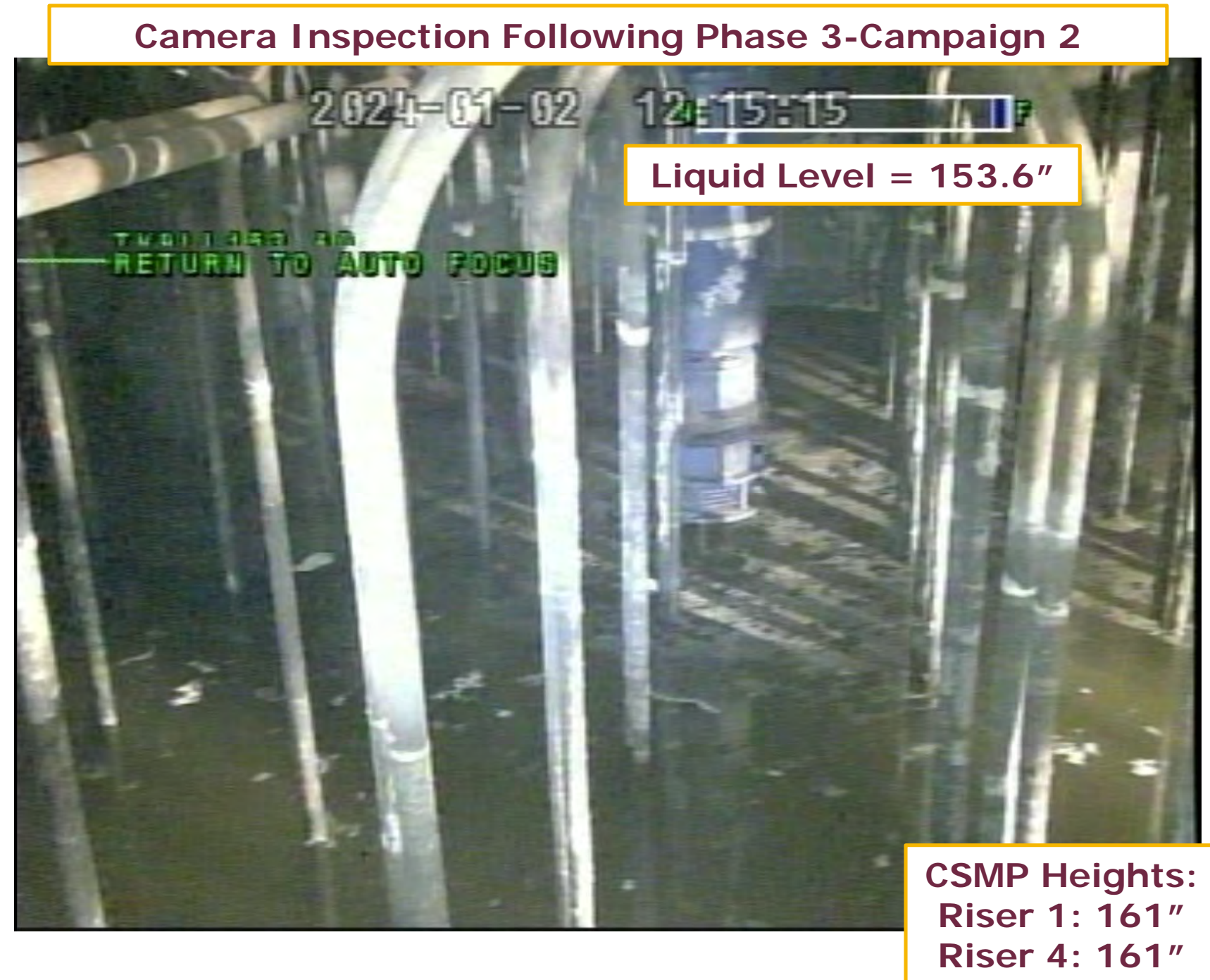


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Waste Removal Phase 3-Campaign 2



- ~135K gallons of well water added
- Risers 1 and 4 CSMPs lowered to 161"
- CSMPs in Risers 1 and 4 operated at half speed (900 RPM) for ~4 days
- STP lowered to 108.5"
- Transfer of 163K gallons DSS from Tank 9 to Tank 11 completed on January 1, 2024
- DSS transferred had a density of 1.369 g/mL indicating very good salt dissolution
- BSL estimated to be reduced from 169" to 155"

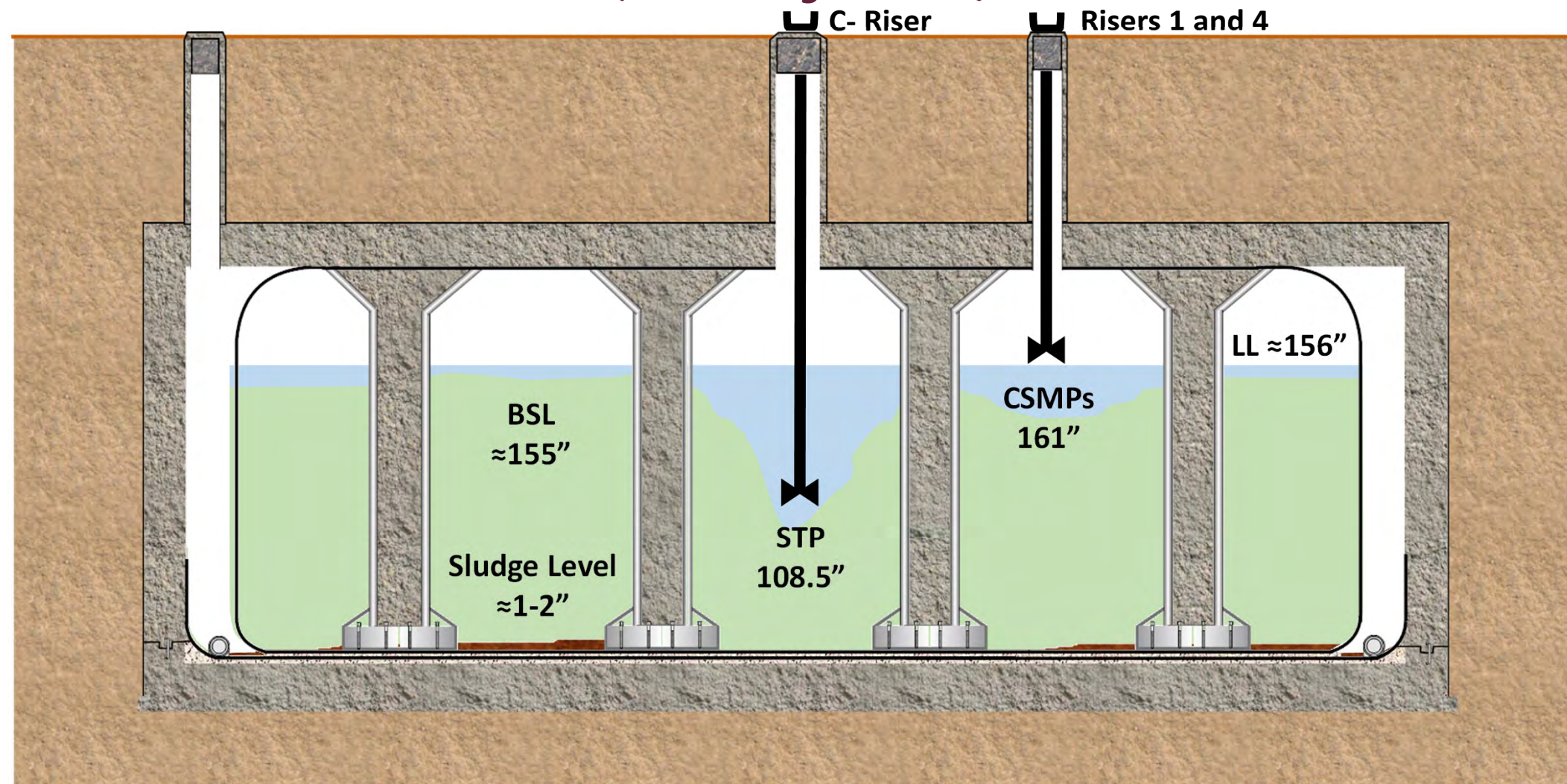


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Waste Removal Phase 3-Campaign 2



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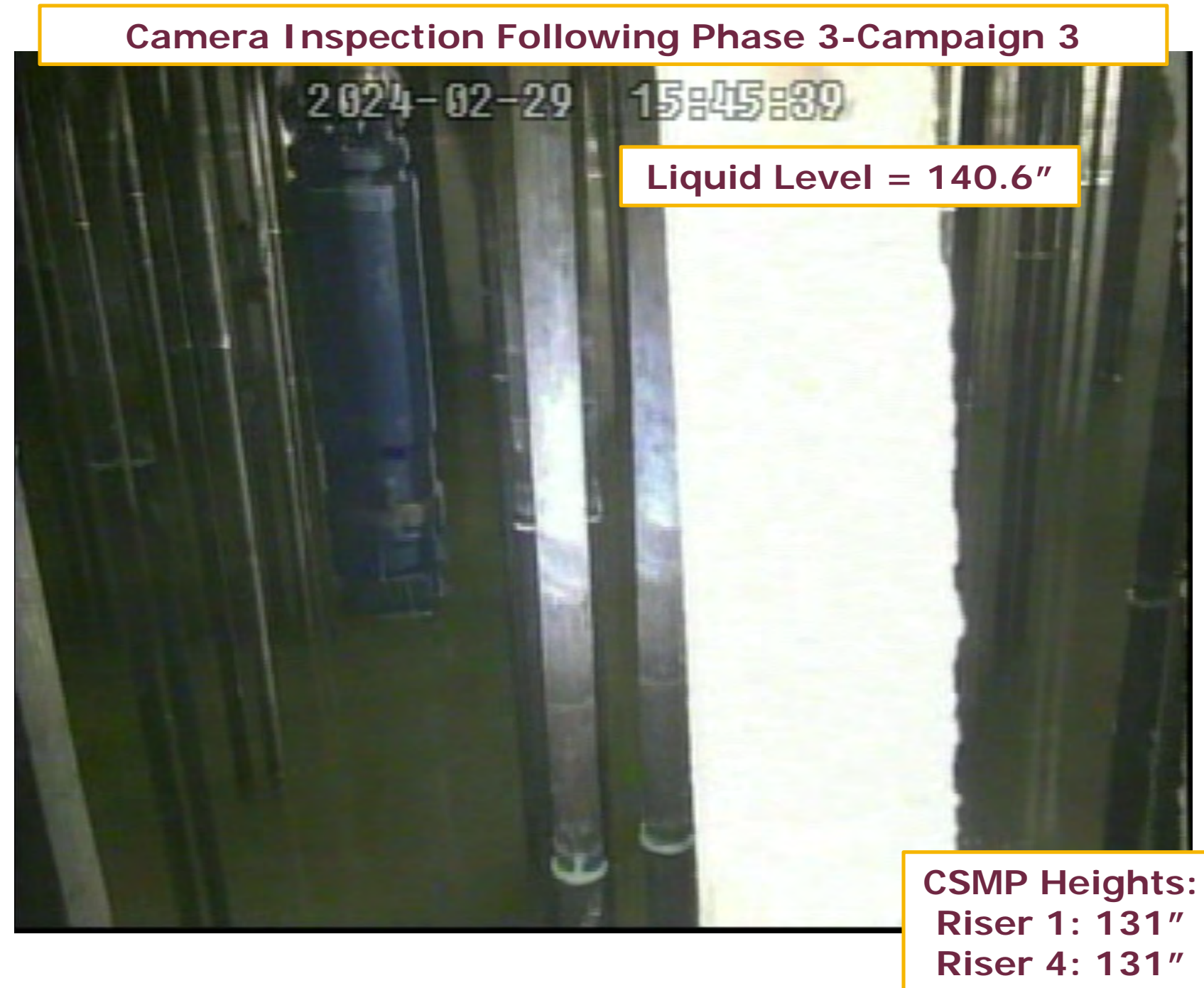


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Waste Removal Phase 3-Campaign 3



- Risers 1 and 4 CSMPs lowered to 131"
- STP lowered to 84"
- 153K gallons of well water added
- Two CSMPs in Risers 1 and 4 operated at full speed (~1700 RPM) for ~5 days
- Transfer of 171K gallons DSS from Tank 9 to Tank 11 completed on February 29, 2024
- DSS transferred had a density of 1.374 g/mL indicating very good salt dissolution
- BSL estimated to be reduced from 155" to 143"

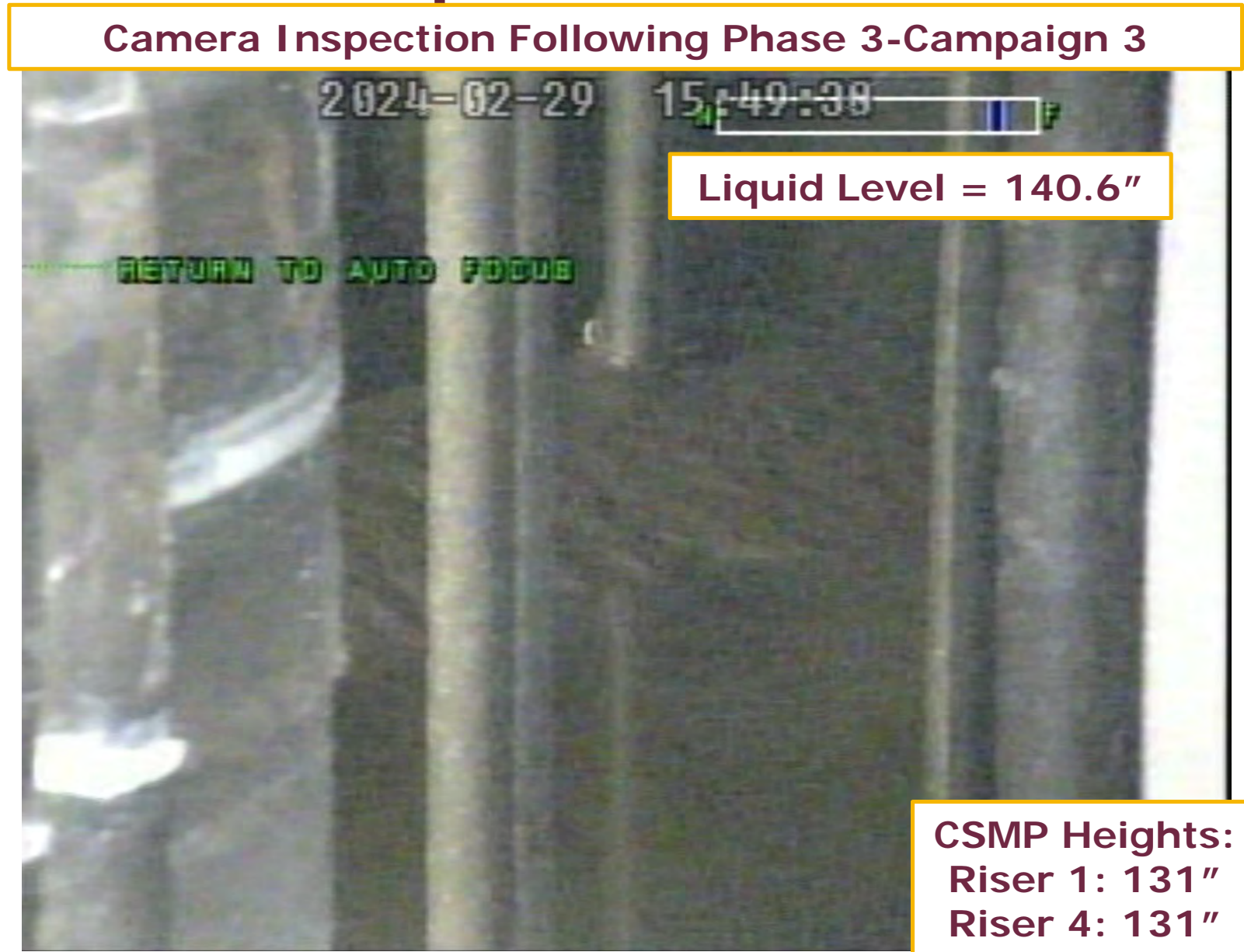
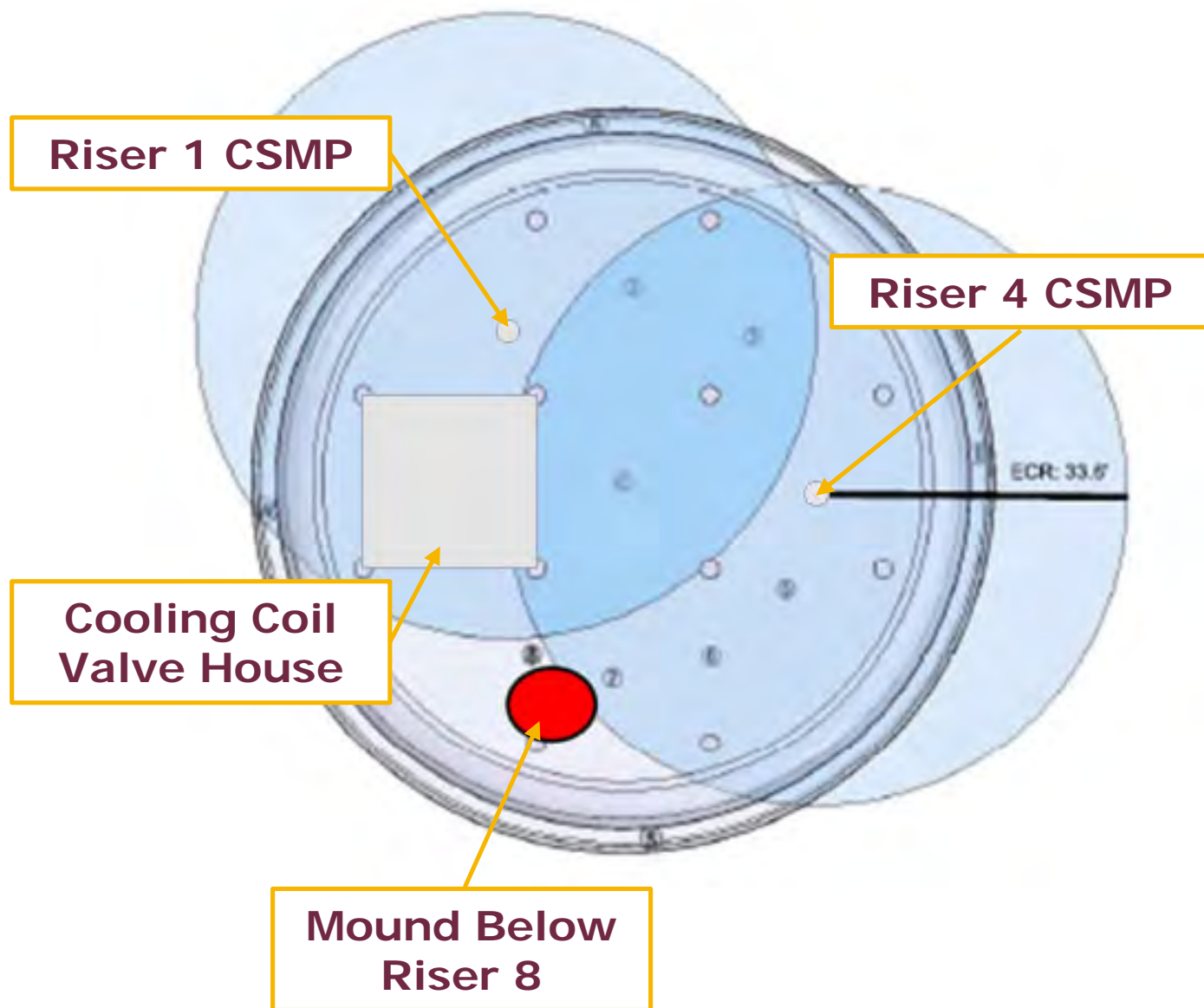


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Waste Removal Phase 3-Campaign 3



Mound noted beneath Riser 8, outside of the effective cleaning radius (ECR) of the two operational CSMPs

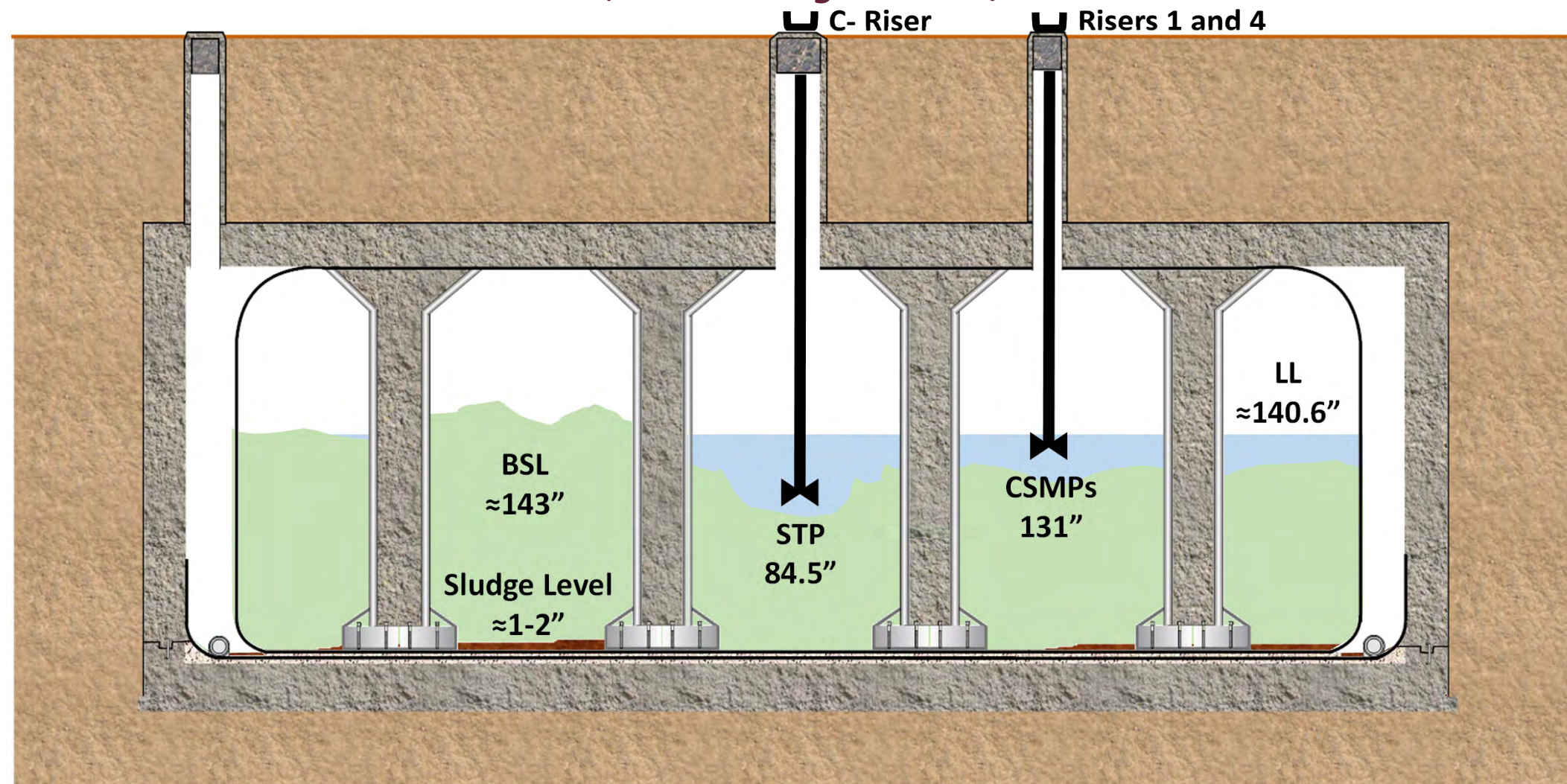


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Waste Removal Phase 3-Campaign 3



Tank 9 At Conclusion of Waste Removal Phase 3-Campaign 3 (February 2024)

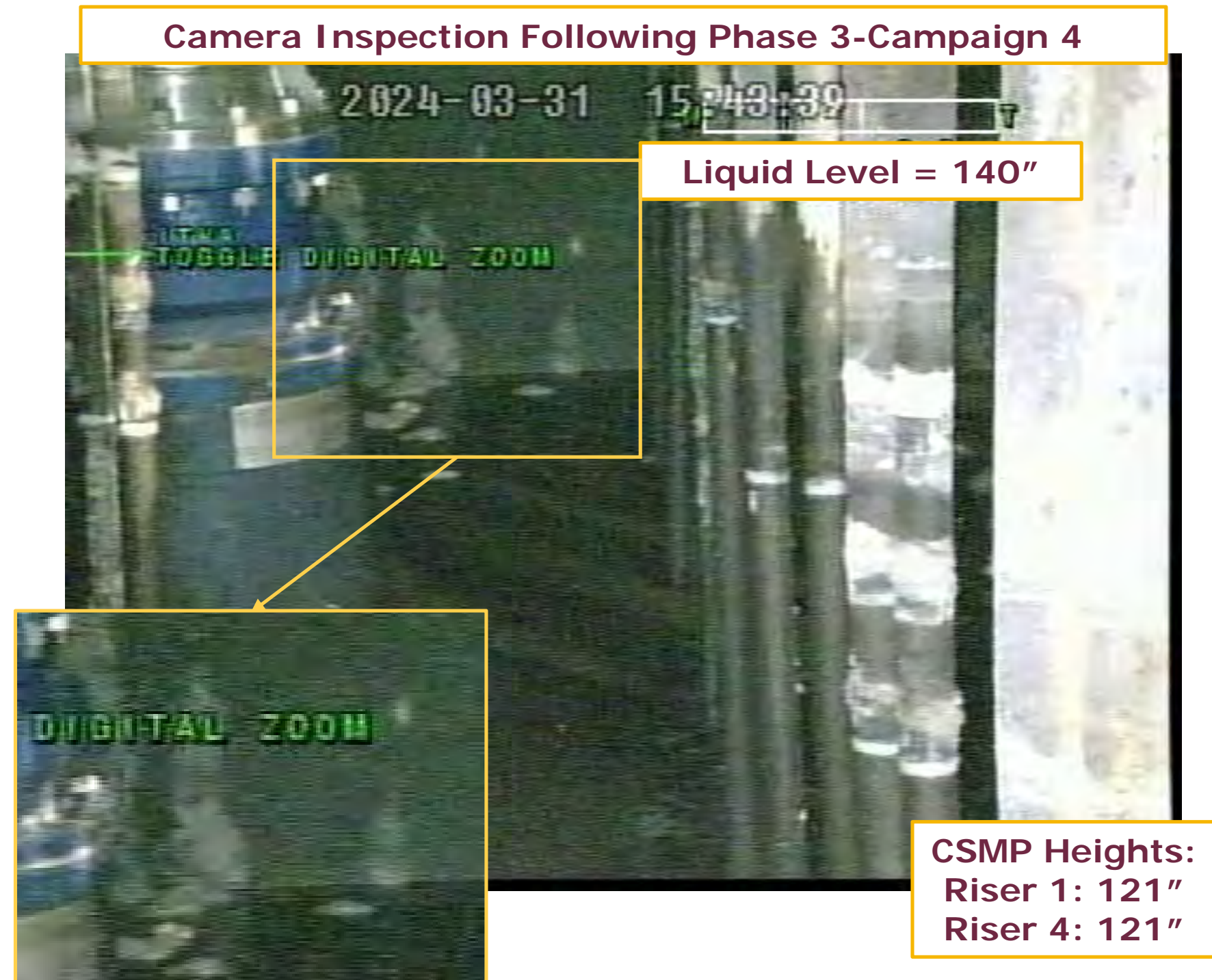


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Waste Removal Phase 3-Campaign 4



- Risers 1 and 4 CSMPs lowered to 121"
- 105K gallons of well water and 65K gallons domestic water added
- Two CSMPs in Risers 1 and 4 operated at full speed (~1700 RPM) for ~5 days
 - CSMPs indexed toward Riser 8 for first 72 hours
 - CSMPs set to oscillate for the remaining 48 hours
- Transfer of 163K gallons DSS from Tank 9 to Tank 11 completed on April 1, 2024
- DSS transferred had a density of 1.391 g/mL indicating very good salt dissolution
- BSL estimated to be 150"
 - Salt seen on tank wall

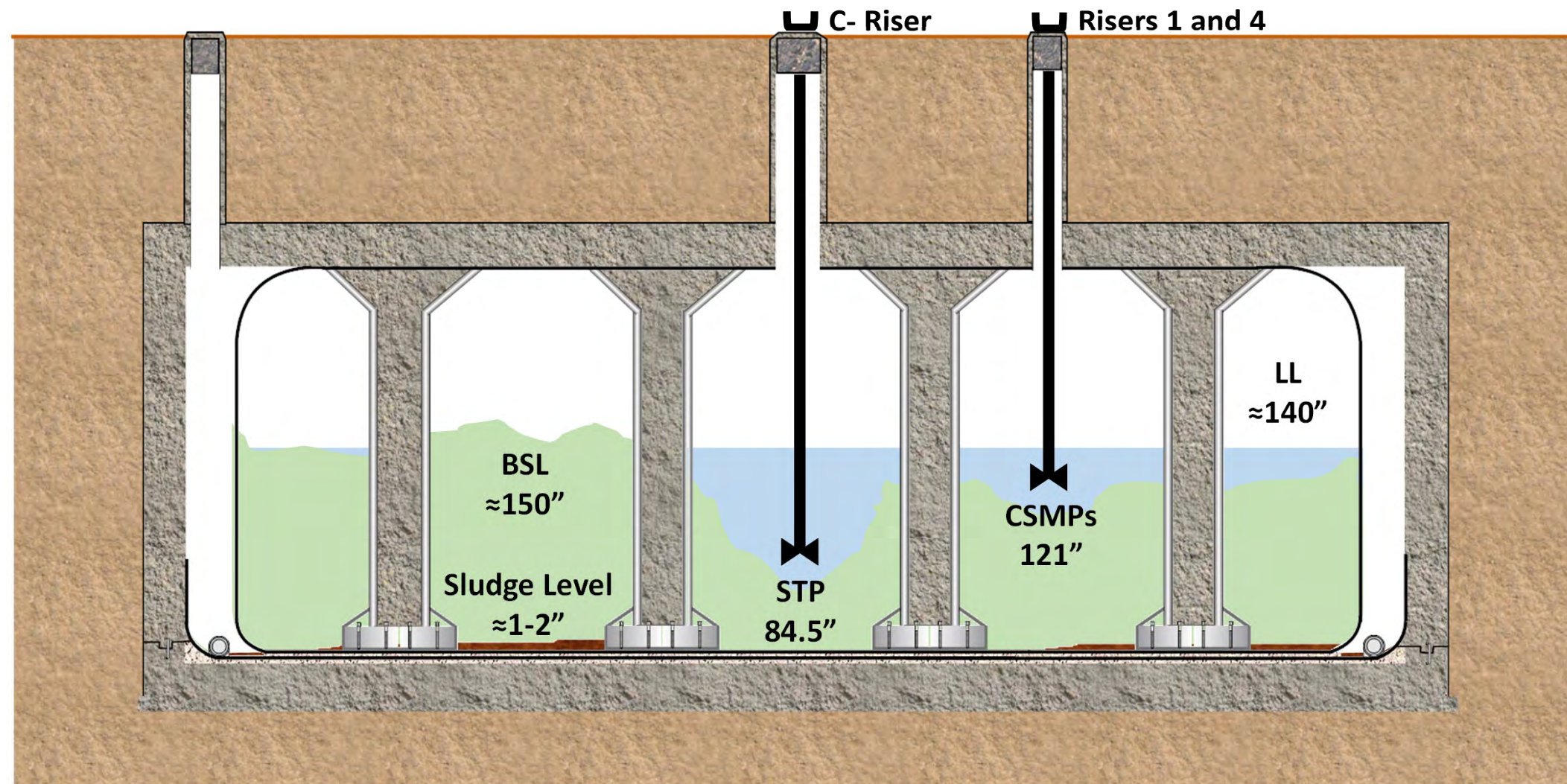


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Waste Removal Phase 3-Campaign 4



Tank 9 At Conclusion of Waste Removal Phase 3-Campaign 4 (April 2024)



[G-TRT-H-00499, SW11.1-WTE-7.2 Rev. 159 IPC-3, SW11.1-WTE-7.8 Rev. 37]

Waste Removal Phase 3-Campaign 5



- A new CSMP was installed in Riser 6 at 141"
- ~153K gallons of domestic water added
- Riser 6 CSMP indexed towards the previously seen mound for ~2 days, oscillated for ~2 days
- All three CSMPs in Risers 1, 4 and 6 were then operated for ~4 days
- STP lowered to 48.5"
- Transfer of ~348K gallons DSS from Tank 9 to Tank 11 completed on May 21, 2024
- DSS transferred had a density of 1.372 g/mL indicating very good salt dissolution
- BSL estimated to be reduced from 150" to 60"
 - No significant mounds
 - Salt on tank wall not visible
 - BSL set to liquid level

Camera Inspection Following Phase 3-Campaign 5



Liquid Level = 60"

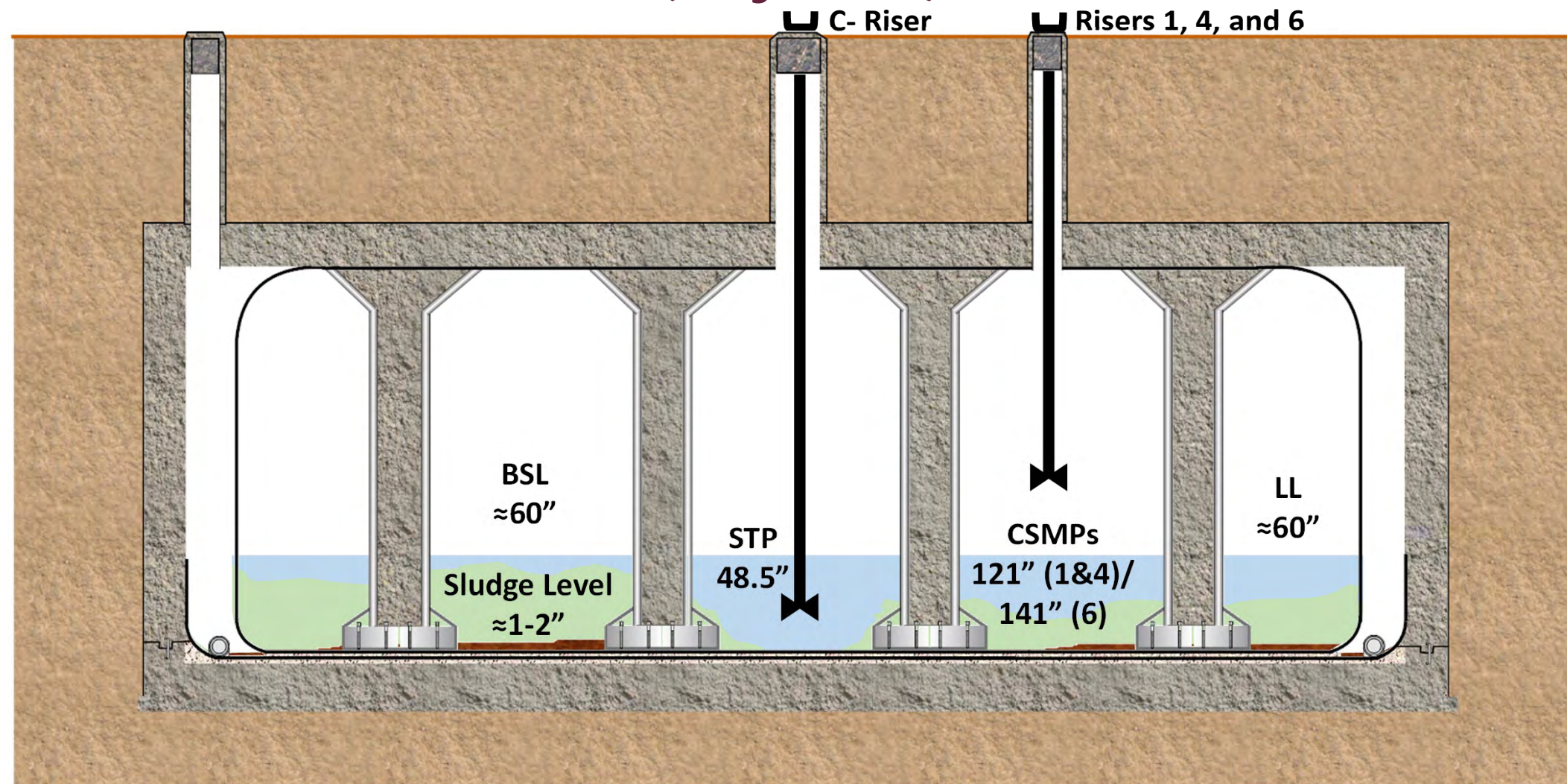
CSMP Heights:
Riser 1: 121"
Riser 4: 121"
Riser 6: 141"

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Waste Removal Phase 3-Campaign 5



Tank 9 At Conclusion of Waste Removal Phase 3-Campaign 5 (May 2024)



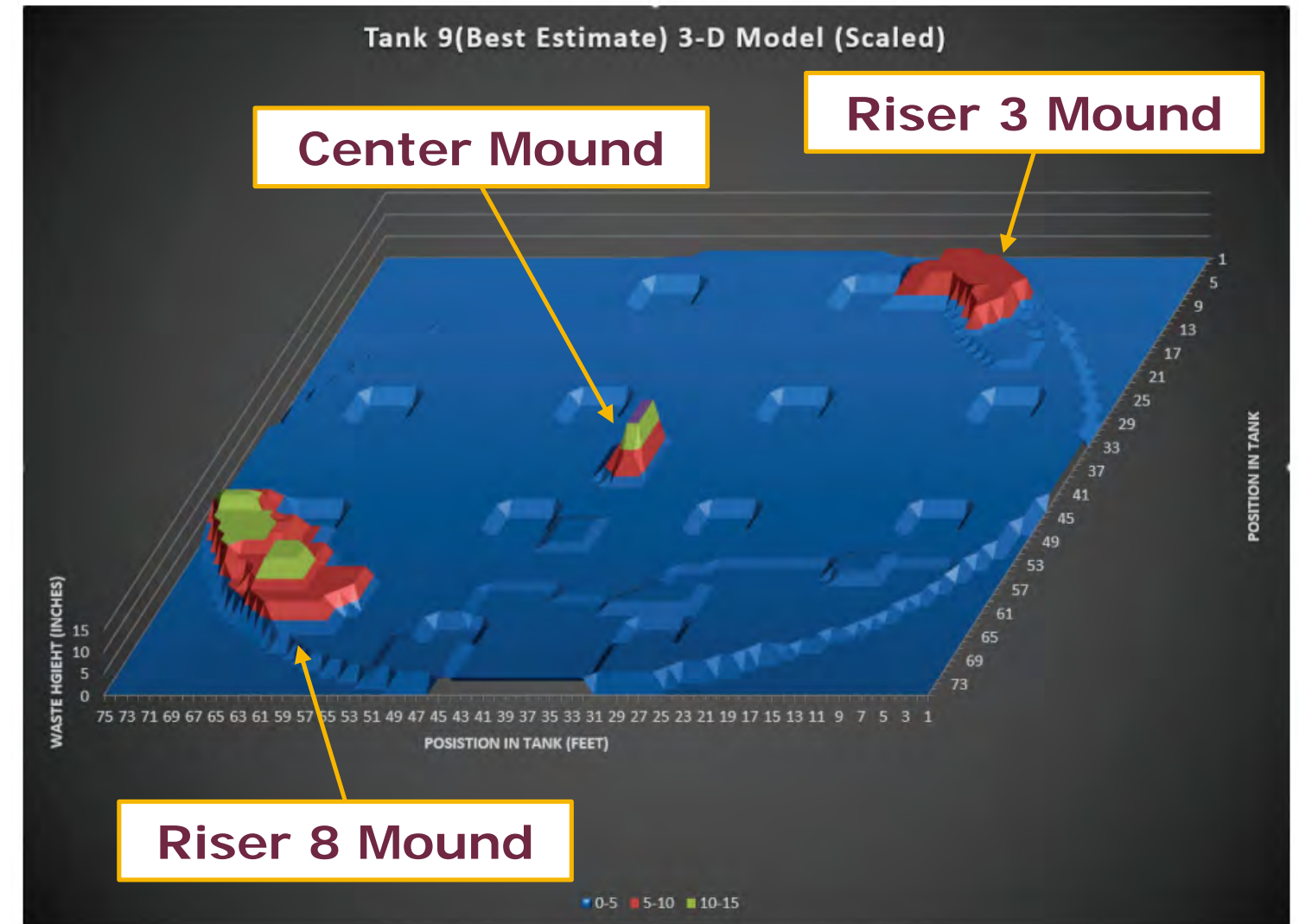
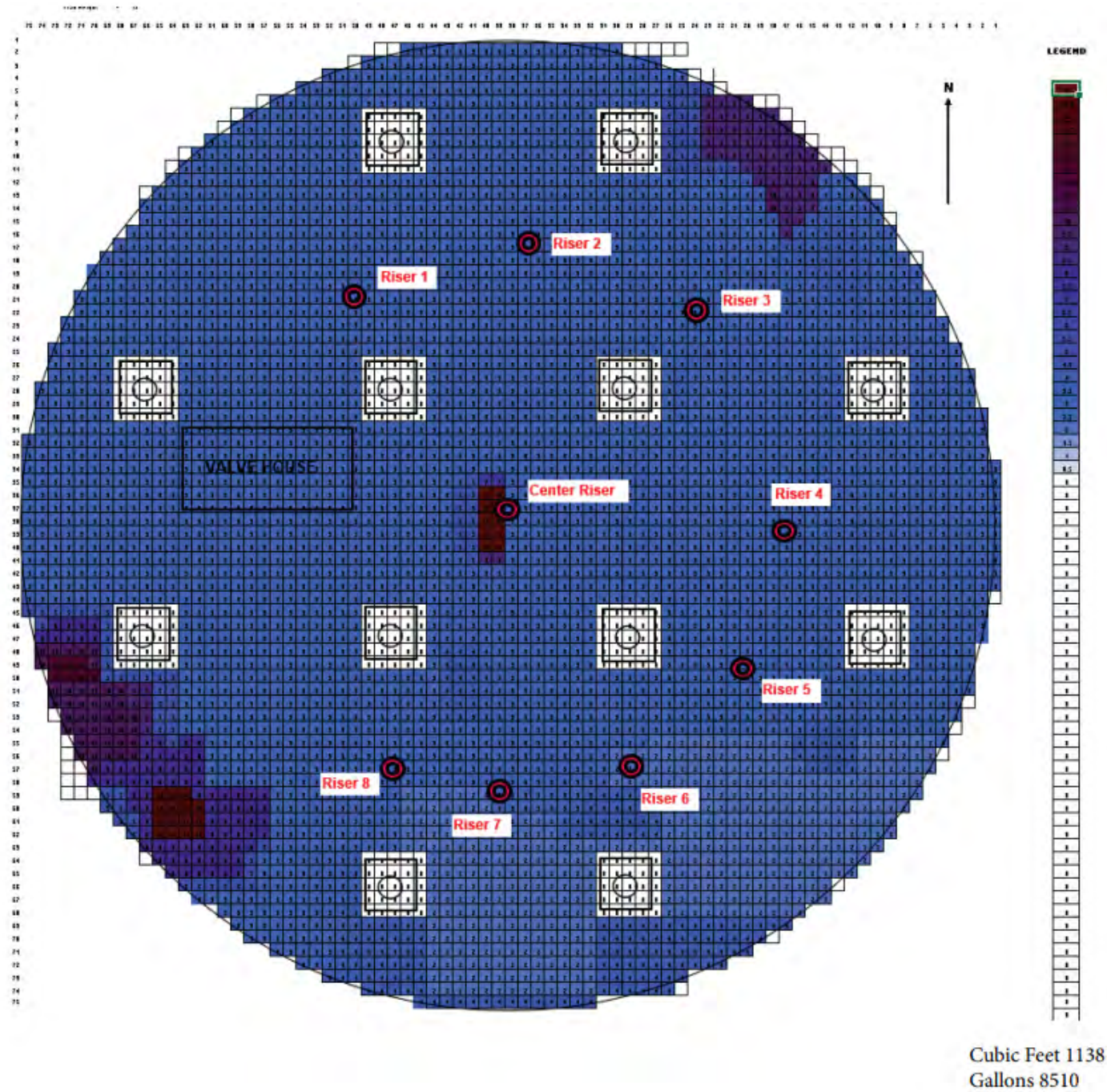
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Waste Removal Phase 3-Campaign 6



- ~277K gallons of domestic water added
- An intermediate mixing campaign (6a) was carried out with all three CSMPs in Risers 1, 4 and 6 operating for ~3 days
 - No DSS transferred out following initial pump run
- All three CSMPs were then lowered to 11 inches from the bottom of the tank
- A full mixing campaign was then run with CSMPs in risers 1, 4 and 6 in oscillation mode for ~7 days (6b)
- The CSMPs were restarted in preparation for a transfer out, however the STP failed and the CSMPs were again shutdown after running in oscillation mode for ~5 days
- The failed STP was replaced and the CSMPs restarted to run through the transfer of ~417K gallons of DSS to Tank 11, concluding on July 15, 2024
 - Final liquid level ~ 7"
- At the conclusion of the DSS transfer a map of the estimated remaining solids was created
 - Estimated ~8,500 gallons of solids
 - Mounds were noted along the wall behind Riser 3 and behind Riser 8 to the Valve House, as well as a mound surrounding the STP in the center riser
 - A three-inch deep "coating" was conservatively assumed across the remainder of the bottom of the tank
 - Visual inspection of primary tank indicate no saltcake remaining in Tank 9

Waste Removal Phase 3-Campaign 6

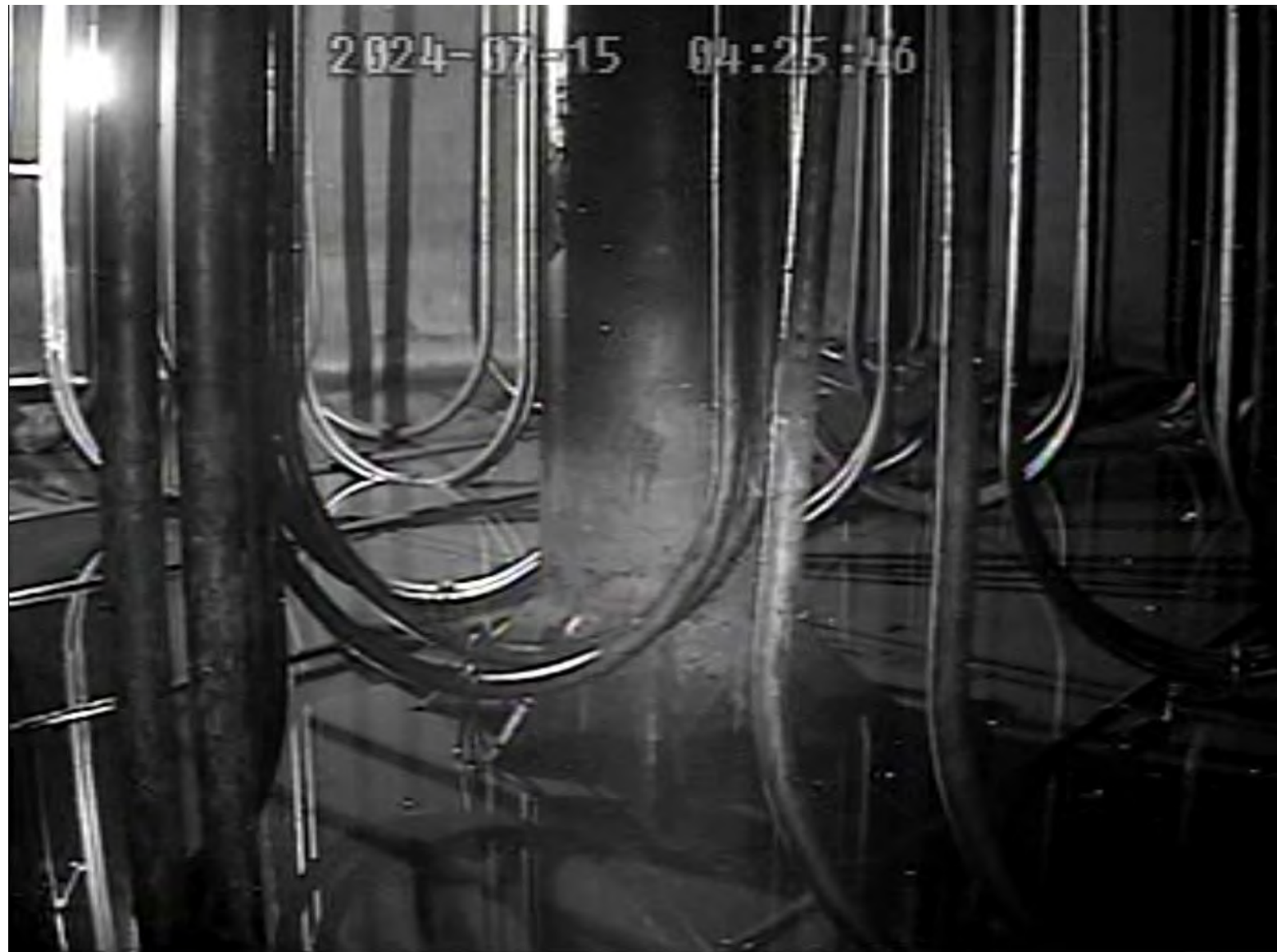


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Waste Removal Phase 3-Campaign 6



Support Column Seen From Center Riser



Riser 6 CSMP Seen From Riser 8



Waste Removal Phase 3-Campaign 6



Mound Behind Riser 8 to Valve House



Mound Around STP



Tank 9 Annulus Cleaning



- **To reduce impacts to the overall Liquid Waste System, annulus cleaning occurred between Waste Removal Phase 3 – Campaign 6 and Campaign 7**
 - Minimized new waste added to the Liquid Waste System by utilizing liquid from the annulus cleaning process to reach liquid levels in the primary tank required to operate CSMPs
- **Tank 9 Annulus History**
 - 1955
 - *Necklace alarm indicated moisture in the annulus, however, dip tube and visual inspection showed no liquid*
 - 1957
 - *Radiation discovered in annulus exhaust duct and rate increased with time. As of October 29th, 4-5" of liquid was measured in the annulus via dip tube*
 - 1958-1959
 - *A total of nine annulus flushes were completed to return solids to Tank 9 primary*
 - 1961
 - *Leakage into the annulus resumed*
 - 1972
 - *Probings revealed a 3" layer of liquid in the annulus below a dry salt crust measuring 8-10" deep.*

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Tank 9 Annulus State Before Cleaning



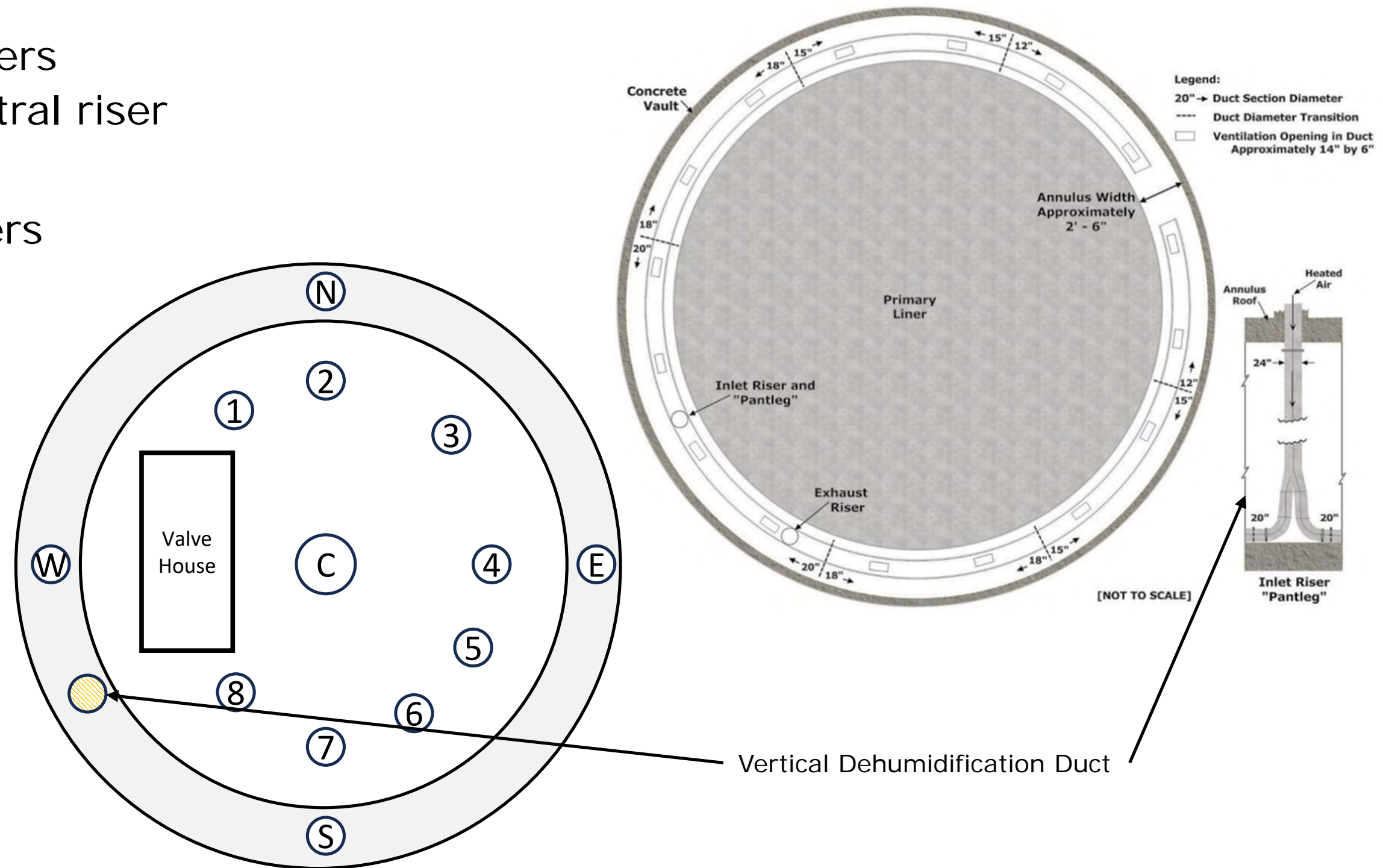
- As of 2023 annual inspection, at least four leak sites have been identified
- 8-10" of salt deposits in the annulus pan (3,200 – 4,000 gallons at ~400 gallons/inch)
- Three leak site locations are known:
 - West – 276" from the tank bottom
 - West – 271" from the tank bottom
 - South – 269" from the tank bottom
- The three identified leak sites are not the source of the salt deposits seen in the annulus pan
- At least one additional leak site must exist in an unobservable area to have created the salt deposits



[SRMC-STI-2024-00076, SRR-CWDA-2012-00072]

Tank 9 Riser Access

- **Primary access**
 - Eight 24-inch risers
 - One 42-inch central riser
- **Annulus access**
 - Four 24-inch risers

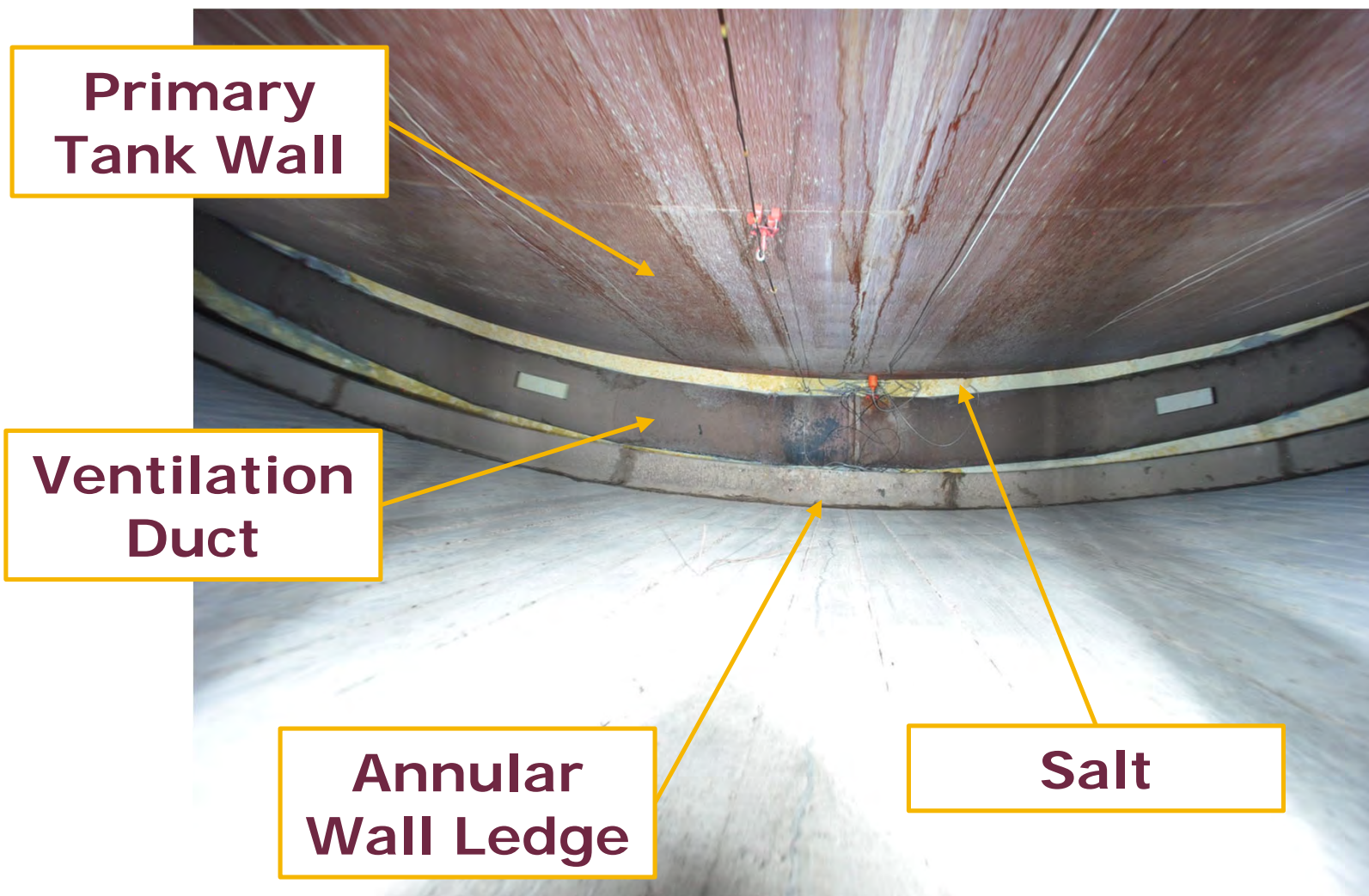


Tank 9 Annulus Before Cleaning



West Riser

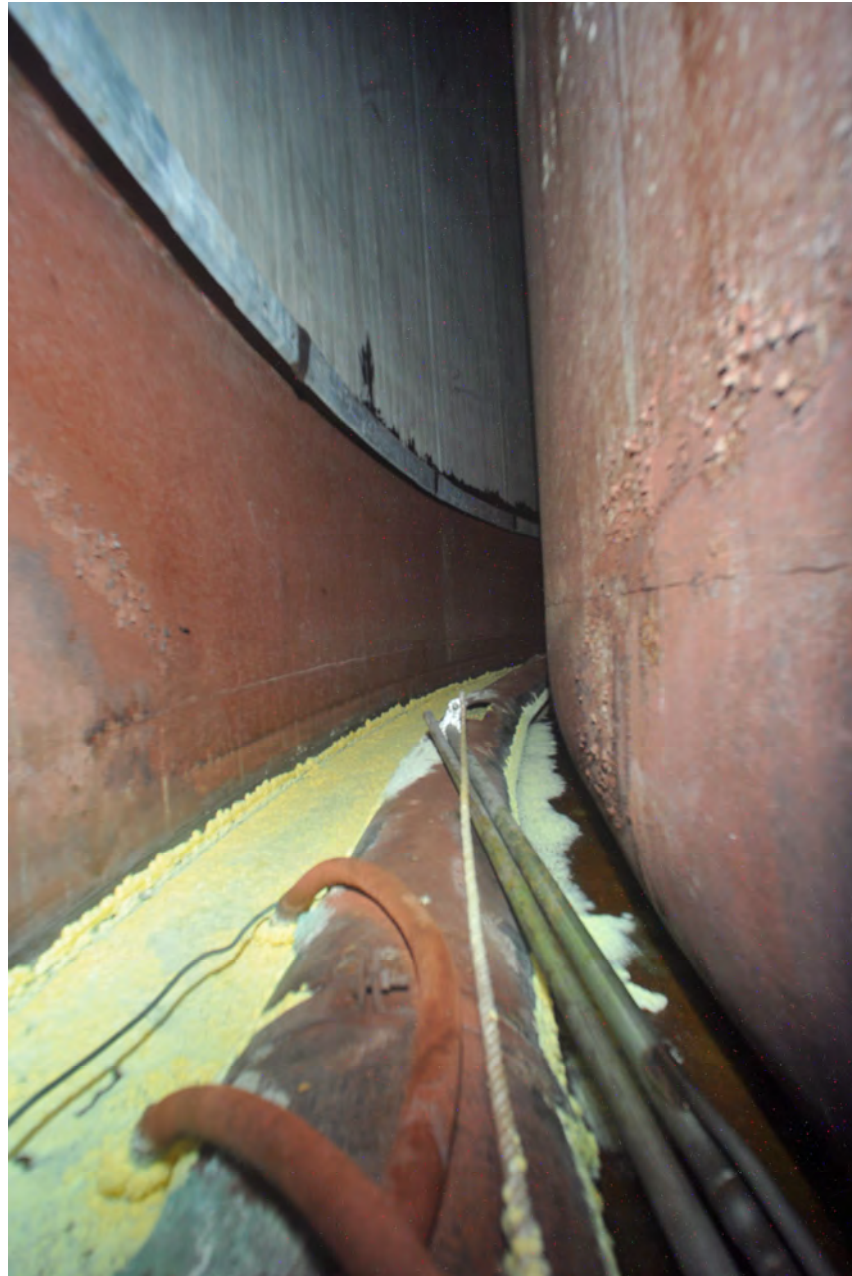
South Riser



Tank 9 Annulus Before Cleaning



East Riser



**North Riser inaccessible
due to installed equipment**

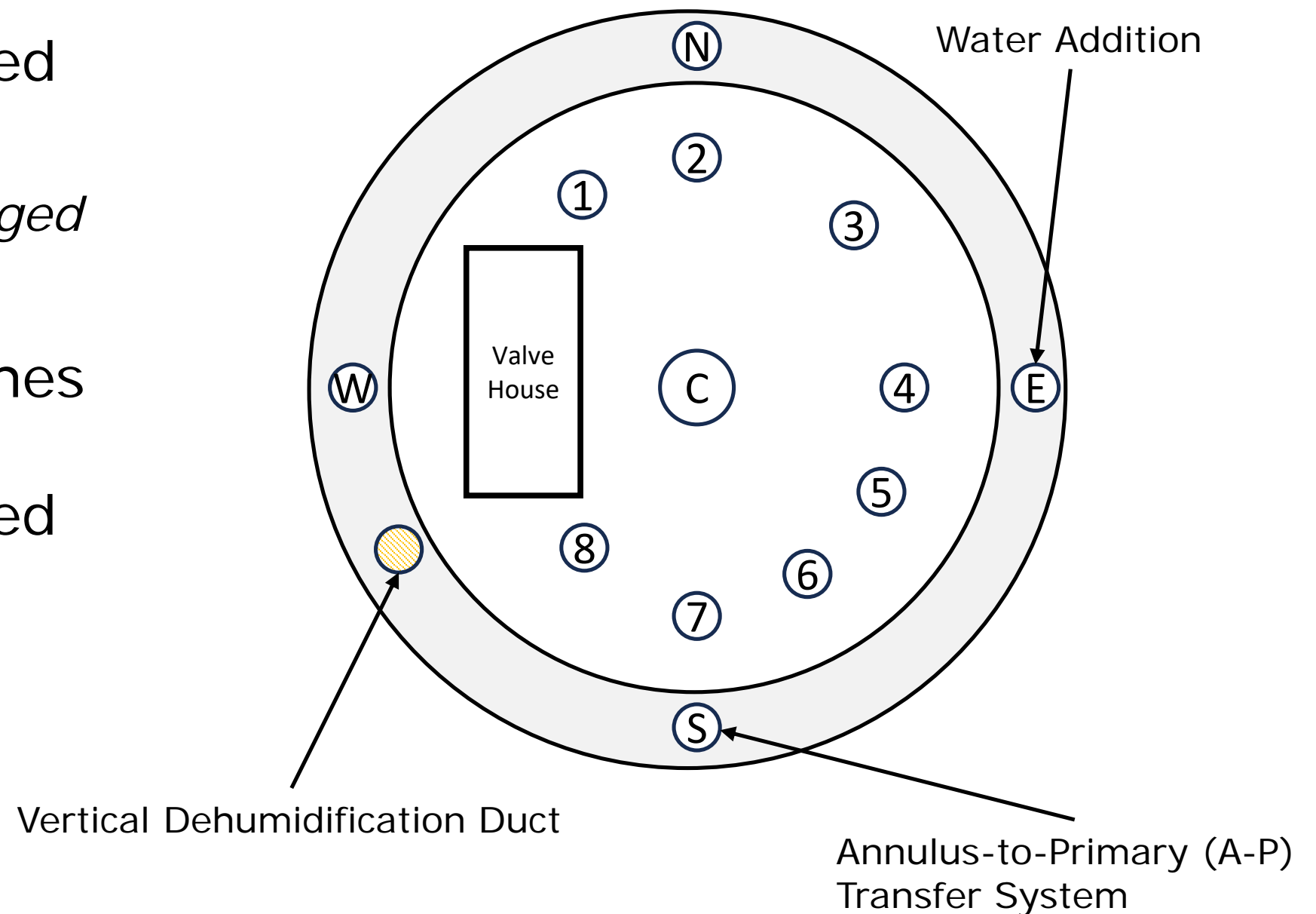
Annulus Cleaning

- **Batch #1**

- 5,000 gallons of water added into the annulus via water addition downcomer
 - *Salt in annulus pan submerged*
- 7 day soak period
- Liquid level in the annulus after A-P transfer – 12 inches

- **Batch #2**

- 5,000 gallons of water added into the annulus via water addition downcomer
- 3.5 day soak period
- Liquid level in the annulus after A-P transfer – 11 inches



Tank 9 Annulus Cleaning



West Riser Before/After



South Riser Before/After



Tank 9 Annulus Cleaning



East Riser Before/After



North Riser inaccessible due to installed equipment

- Based on results of annulus camera inspections, annulus cleaning considered complete and Waste Removal Phase 3-Campaign 7 initiated
- 100% annulus inspection performed after Campaign 7 to verify conditions throughout

Waste Removal Phase 3-Campaign 7

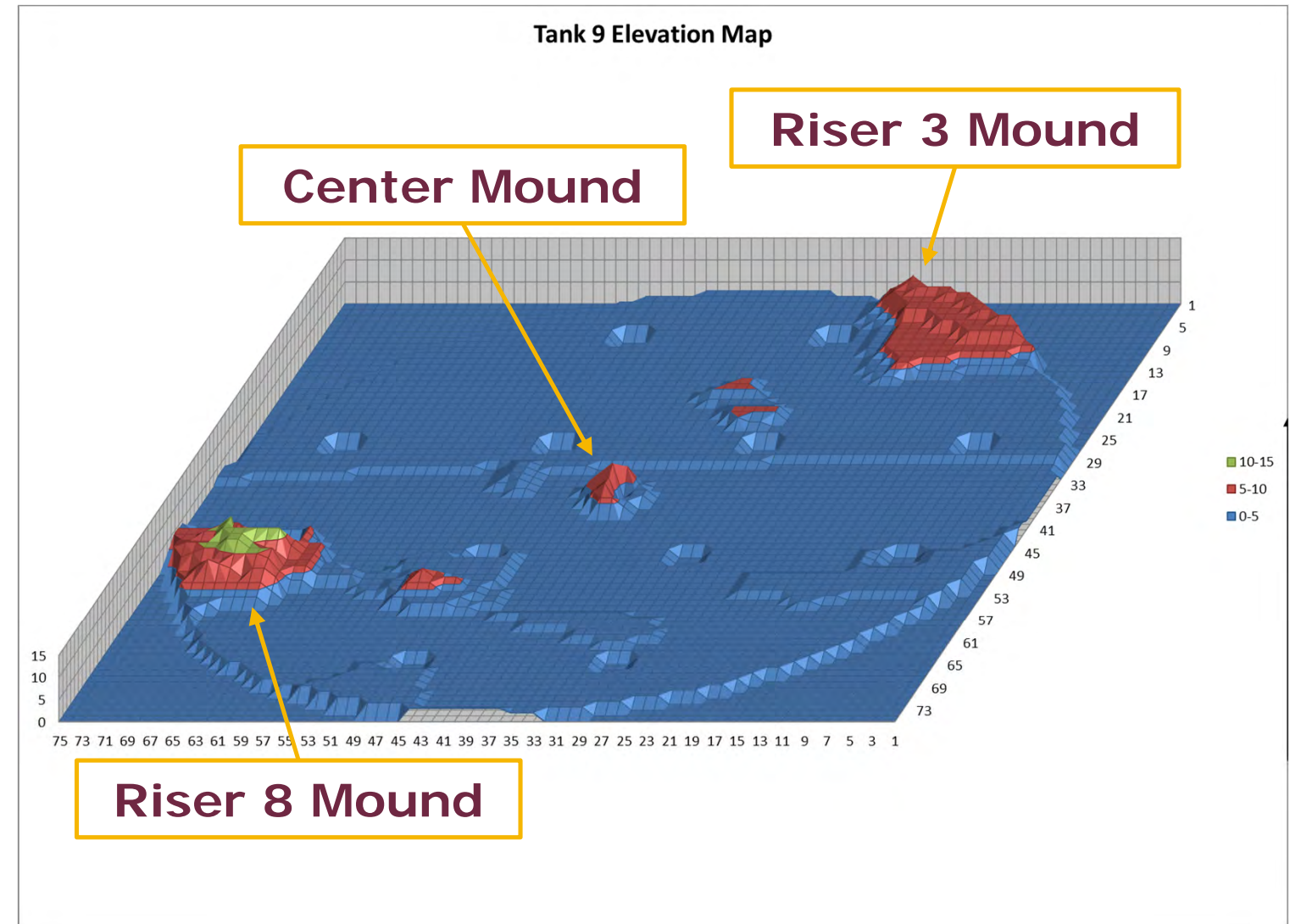
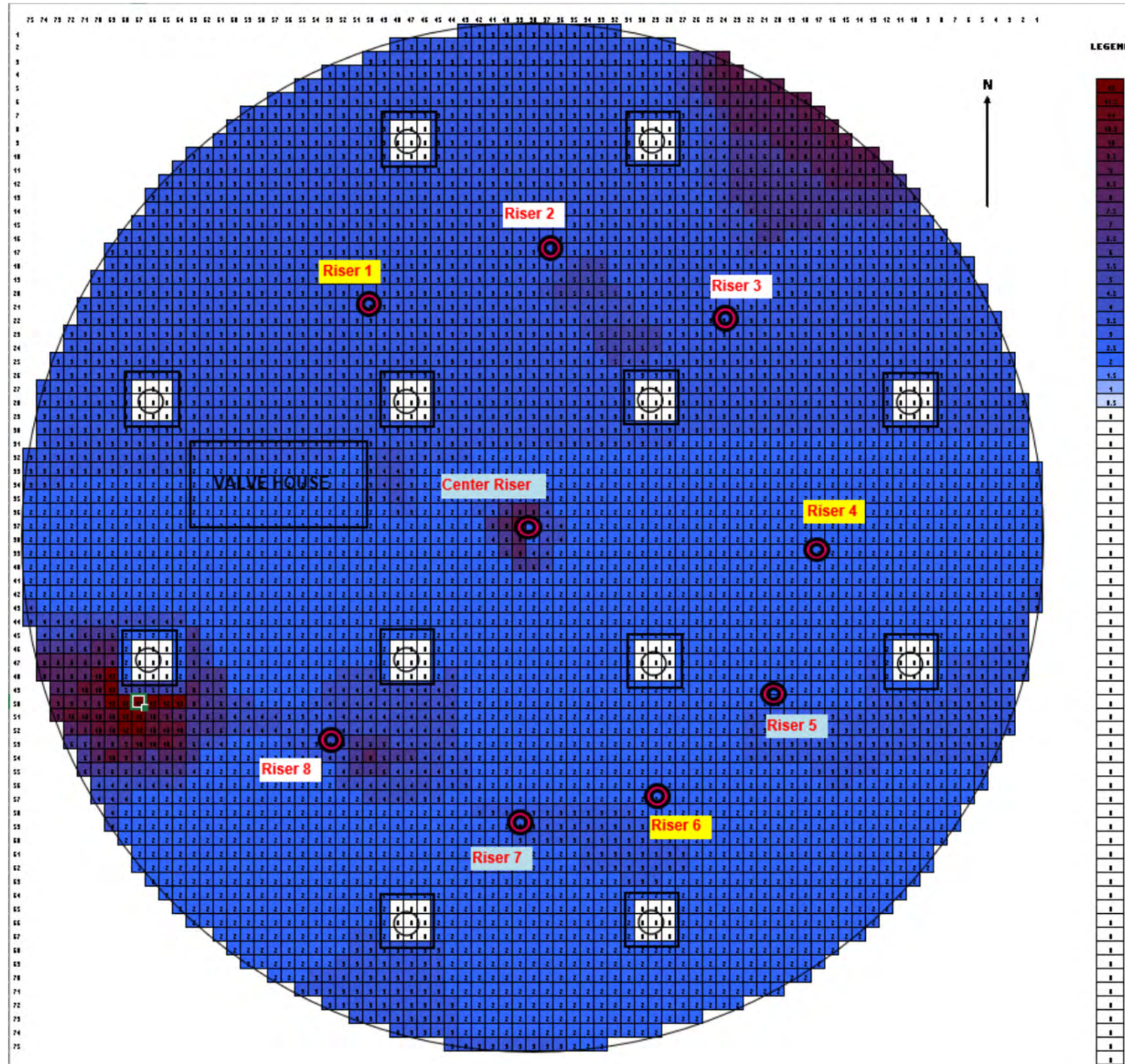


- **A total of ~143K gallons added from multiple sources to reduce impacts to the overall Liquid Waste System**
 - ~12.5K gallons from H-Area Pump Pit 1 (HPP-1)
 - ~10K gallons DSS from the Tank 9 Annulus
 - ~3,700 gallons from H-Area Diversion Box 1 (HDB-1)
 - ~116K gallons of domestic water to bring liquid level up to a safe operating height
 - ~600 gallons of domestic water used for hydro-lancing
- **All three CSMPs were established to be at the lowest possible height in the tank, 11"**
- **The mound seen around the STP in the center riser was hydro-lanced and the STP lowered as far as possible, 1" off the bottom**
- **CSMPs in Risers 4 and 6 were indexed towards the mounds seen behind Risers 3 and 8, respectively for ~2 days**
- **All three CSMPs were operated during the transfer until the liquid level reached 35", the minimum liquid level for safe operations**
- **Transfer of 125K gallons DSS from Tank 9 to Tank 11 completed on August 26, 2024**
 - Final liquid level ~2.6"

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- **Video inspection of the primary tank was carried out in three risers: Riser 5, Riser 7, and the Center Riser and a map of the estimated remaining solids was created**
 - Estimated <7,500 gallons of solids
 - Mounds still seen along the wall behind Riser 3 and behind Riser 8, as well as surrounding the STP in the center riser, however the material had shifted
 - A two-inch “coating” was conservatively assumed across the bottom of the tank

Current Status of Tank 9

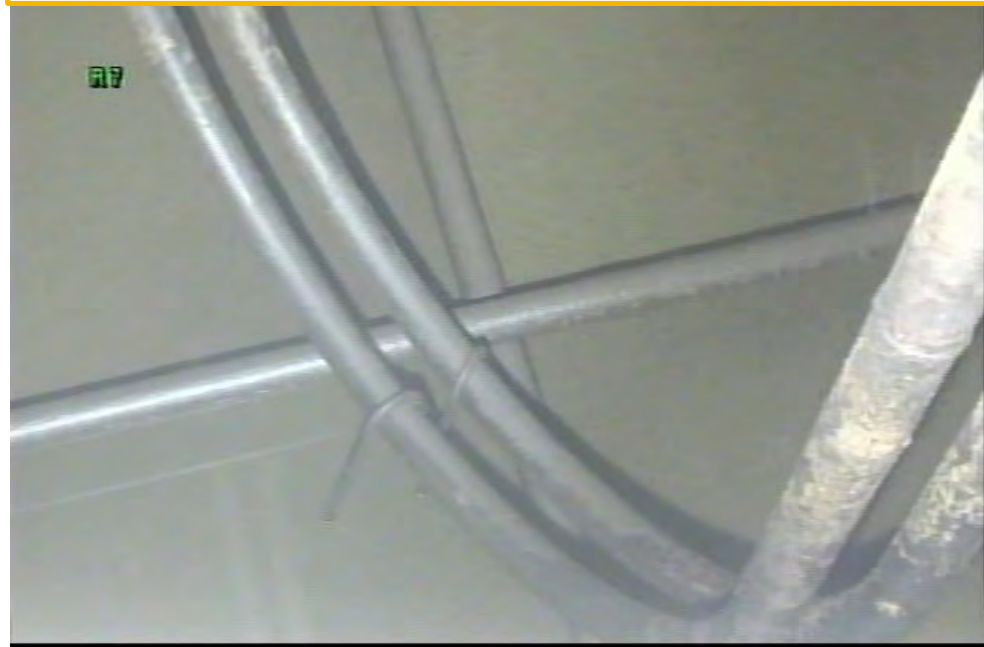


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Current Status of Tank 9 – From Riser 7



Below Riser 7



Riser 7 to Southern Wall



Riser 7 to Southwestern Wall



Riser 7 to East



Current Status of Tank 9 – From Riser 5



Below Riser 5



Riser 5 to Southeastern Wall



Riser 5 to Southwest and Riser 6



Riser 7 to Northeast and Riser 4



Current Status of Tank 9 – From Center Riser



Floor Between Center Riser and Northeast Support Column



Center Riser to East



Center Riser to Southeast



Center Riser to West



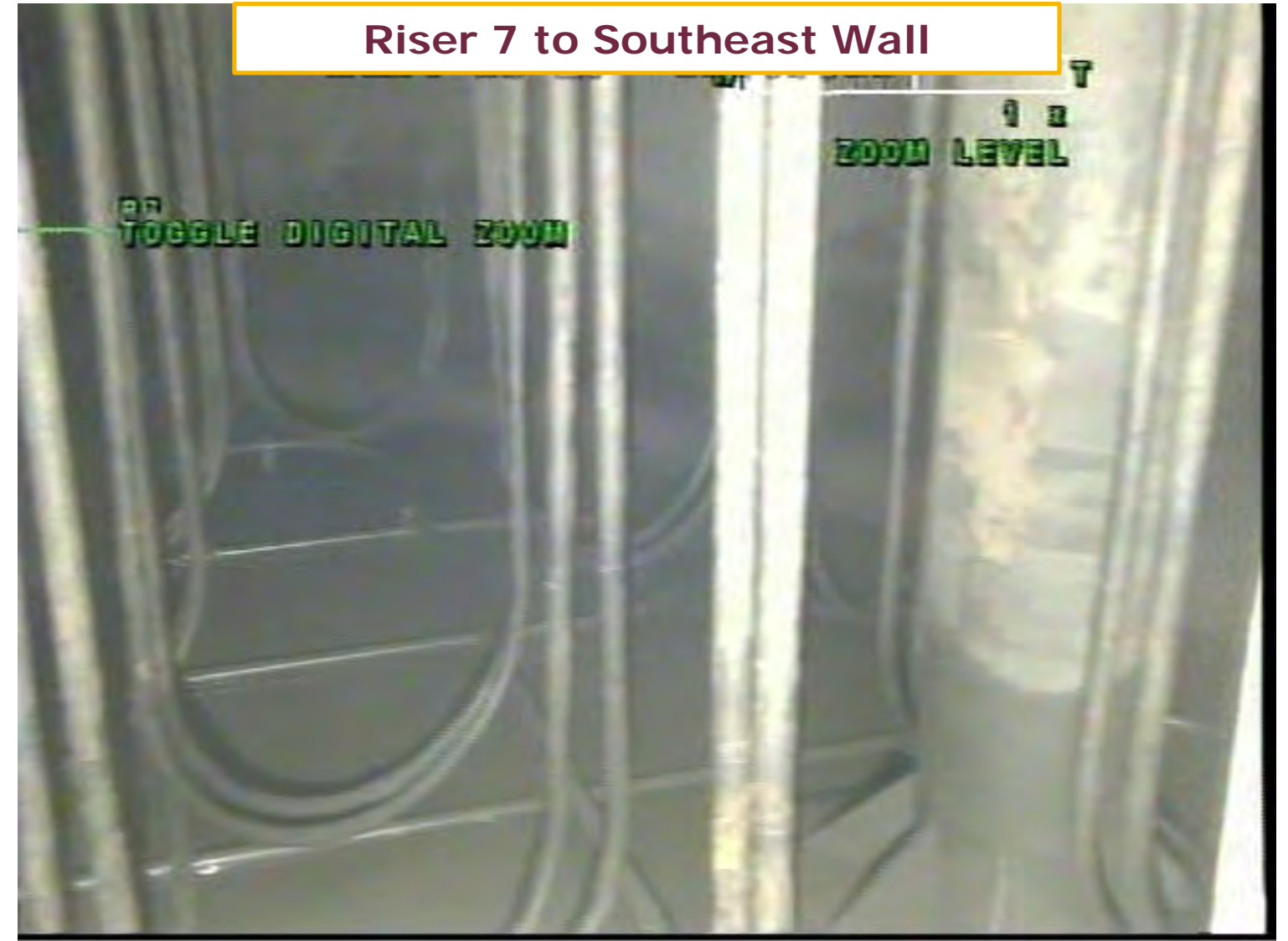
Current Status of Tank 9 – Walls



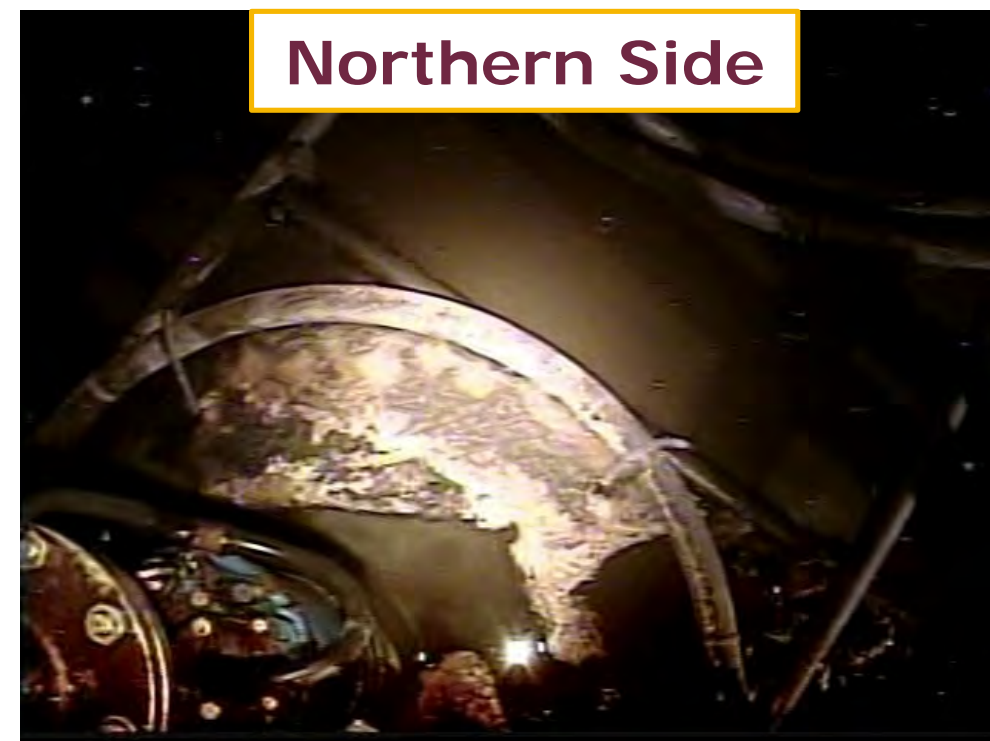
Riser 7 to Southwest Wall



Riser 7 to Southeast Wall



Current Status of Tank 9 – Center Mound



Current Status of Tank 9 – Riser 8 Mound



By Column Base Plate from Center Riser



Close-up of Southern Side from Riser 7



Southern Side from Riser 7



Eastern Side from Center Riser



Current Status of Tank 9 – Riser 3 Mound



From Center Riser



Southern Side from Center Riser



Southern Side from Center Riser



By Column Base Plate from Center Riser

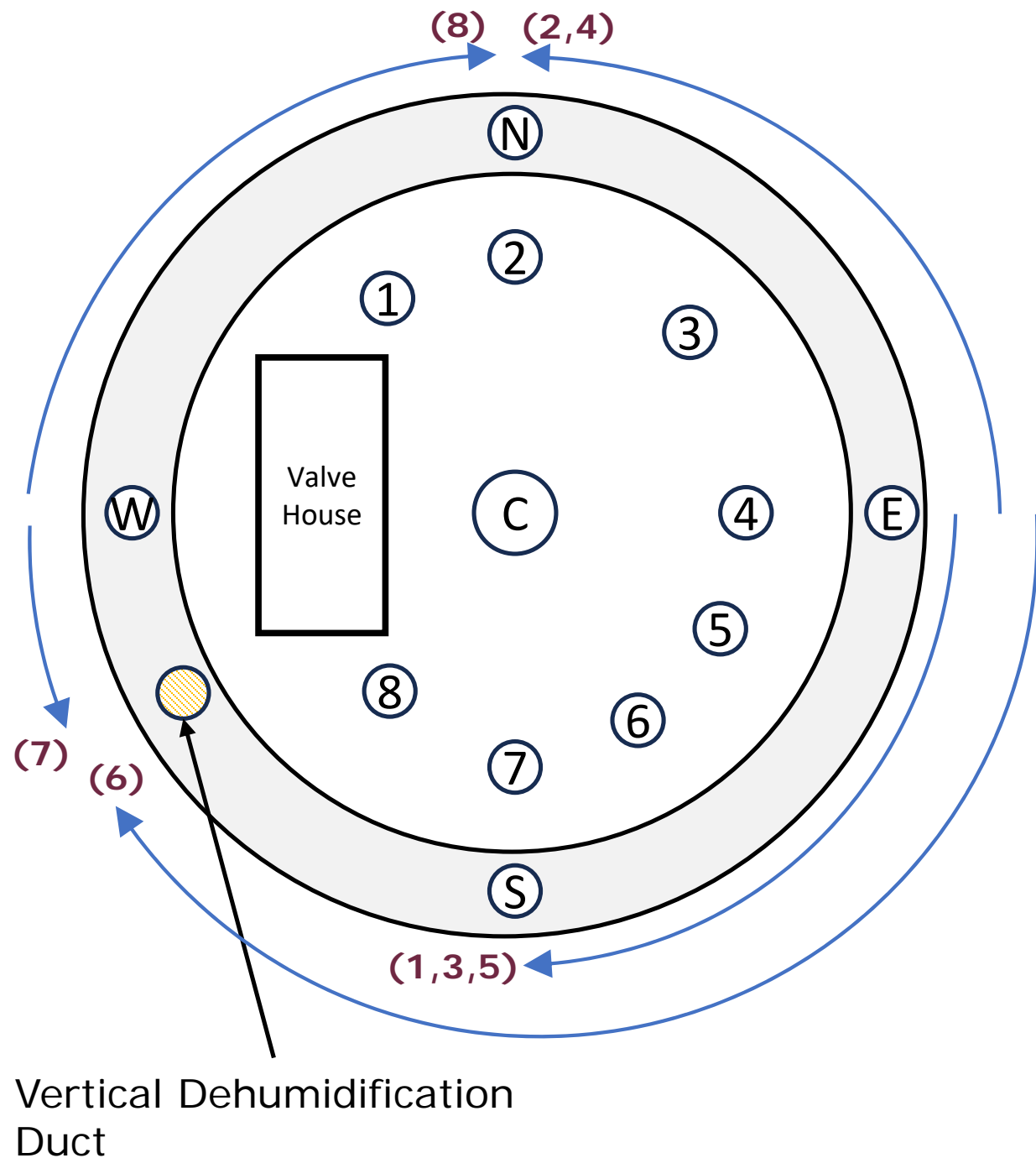


Annulus Inspection

- **After Campaign 7, the annulus was inspected utilizing a drone**
 - First use of this technology within the tank closure process
 - Introduced during the Annual Technology Briefing provided November 2023 during the 4QFY2023 Liquid Waste Quarterly Regulatory Meeting



Drone Inspection

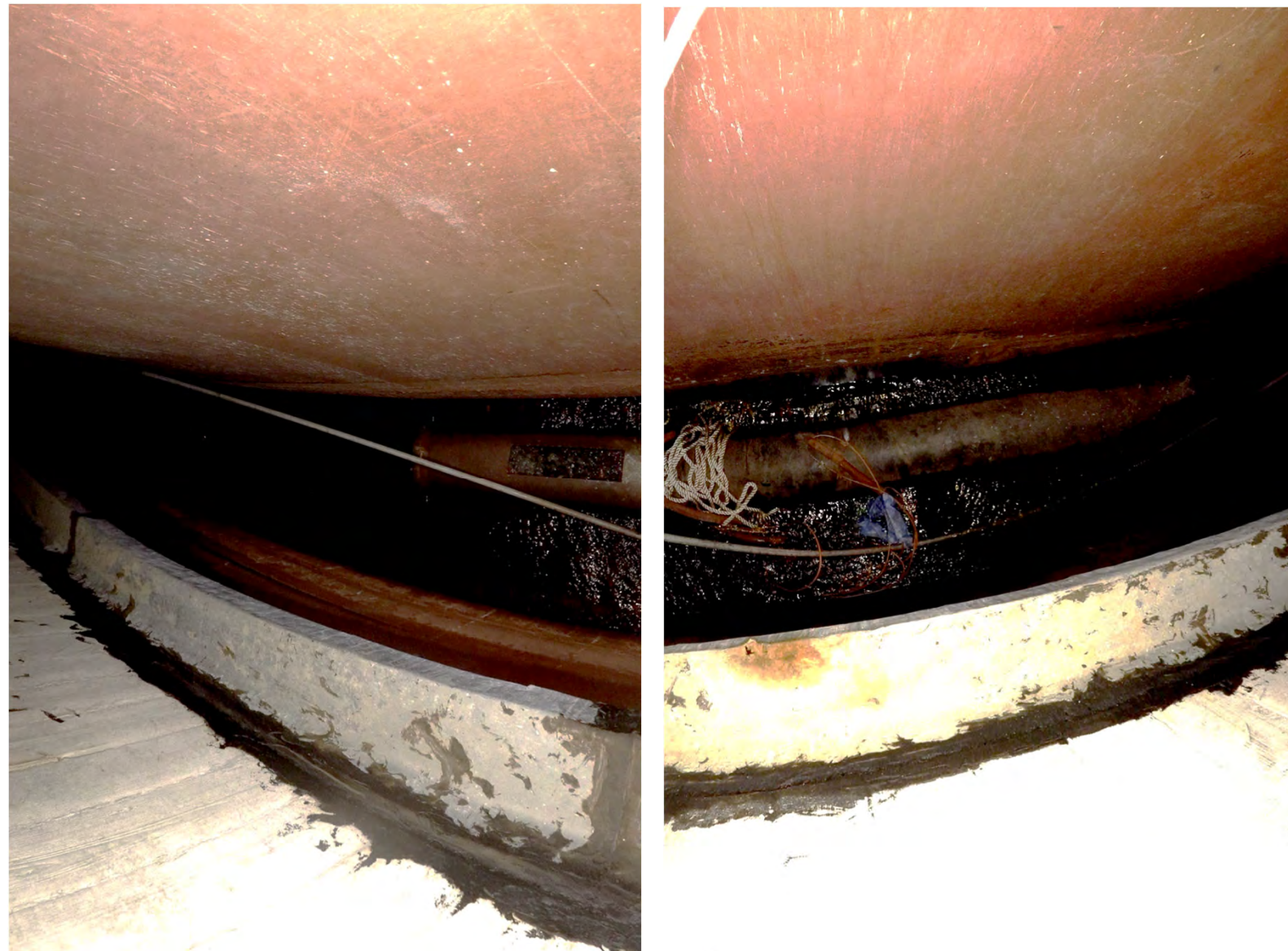


- **After initial flights establishing drone capabilities the drone was flown along dedicated flight paths to document any remaining salt in the annulus**
 - (1) Entered through the East Riser and flew along the midline of the tank to the South Annulus Riser looking for salt nodules
 - (2) Entered through the East Riser and flew along the middle weld of the primary tank toward the North Riser
 - (3) Entered through the East Riser, flew near the annular pan ledge to the South Riser, inspecting the annulus floor for salt
 - (4) Entered through the East Riser flew towards the North Riser along the annular pan ledge, focusing on the bottom of the annulus pan
 - (5) Entered the East Riser and again flew south along the annular pan ledge, inspecting the annulus floor for salt
 - (6) Entered the East Riser and flew south, passing the South Riser and continuing to the Vertical Dehumidification Duct inspecting both the primary tank wall and the bottom of the annulus pan
 - (7) Entered through the West Riser and flew south to the Vertical Dehumidification Duct inspecting both the primary tank wall and the bottom of the annulus pan
 - (8) Entered through the West Riser and flew north to the North Riser inspecting both the primary tank wall and the bottom of the annulus pan

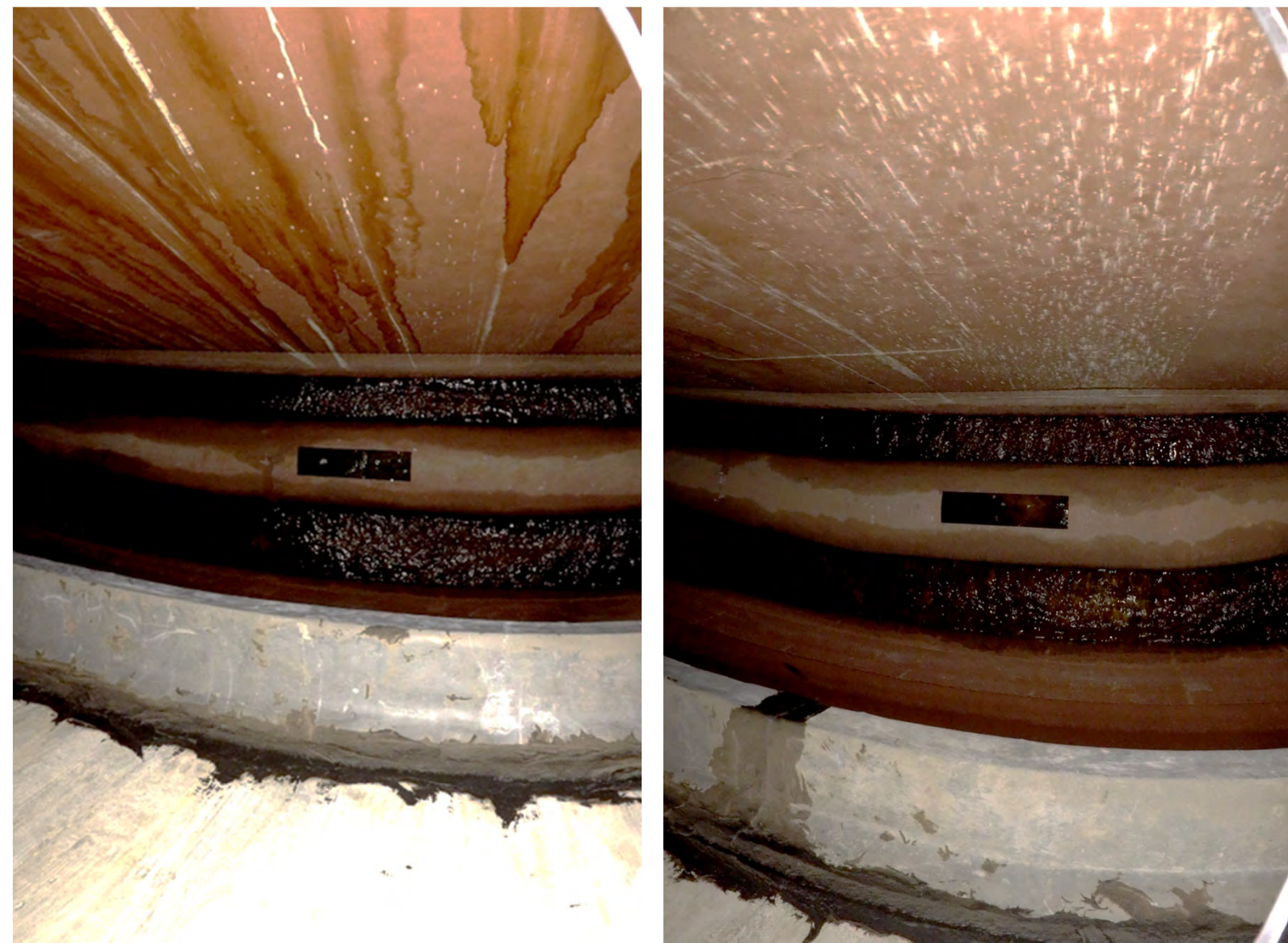
Tank 9 Annulus Cleaning



East Riser



Southeast Quadrant

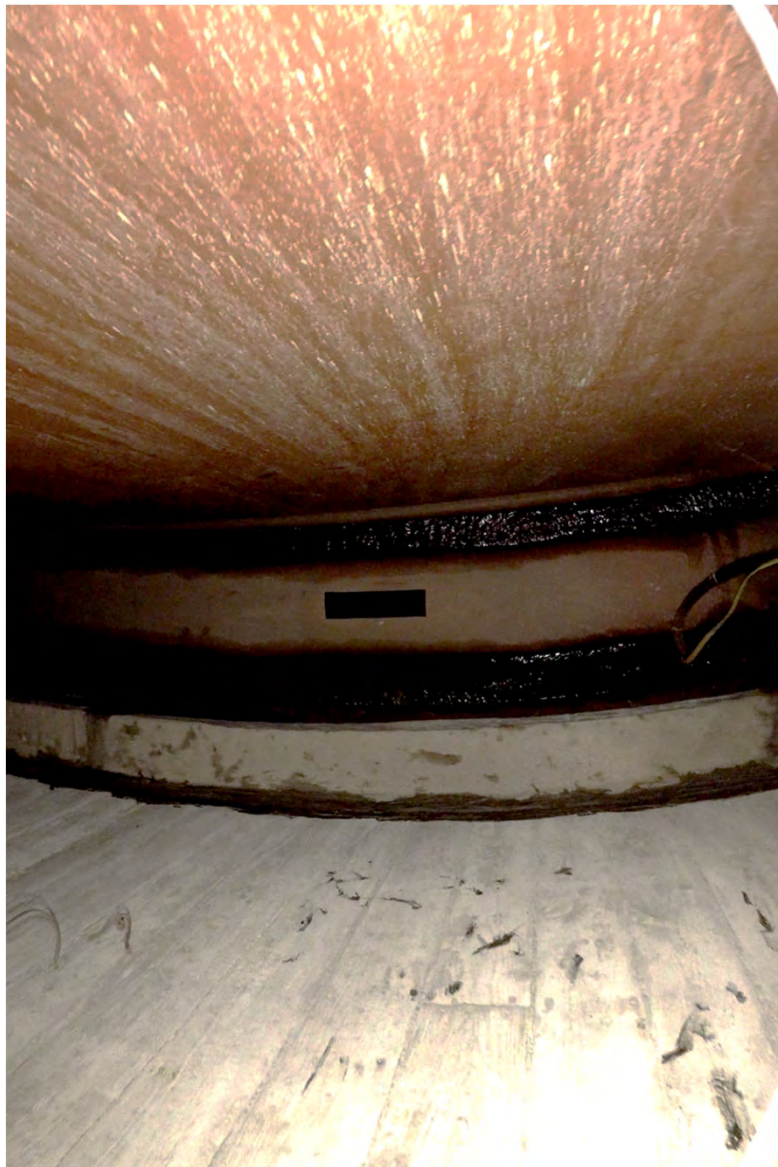


Tank 9 Annulus Cleaning



South Riser

West Riser



Tank 9 Annulus Cleaning



Dehumidification Duct
South Side

Dehumidification Duct
West Side

Northwest Quadrant

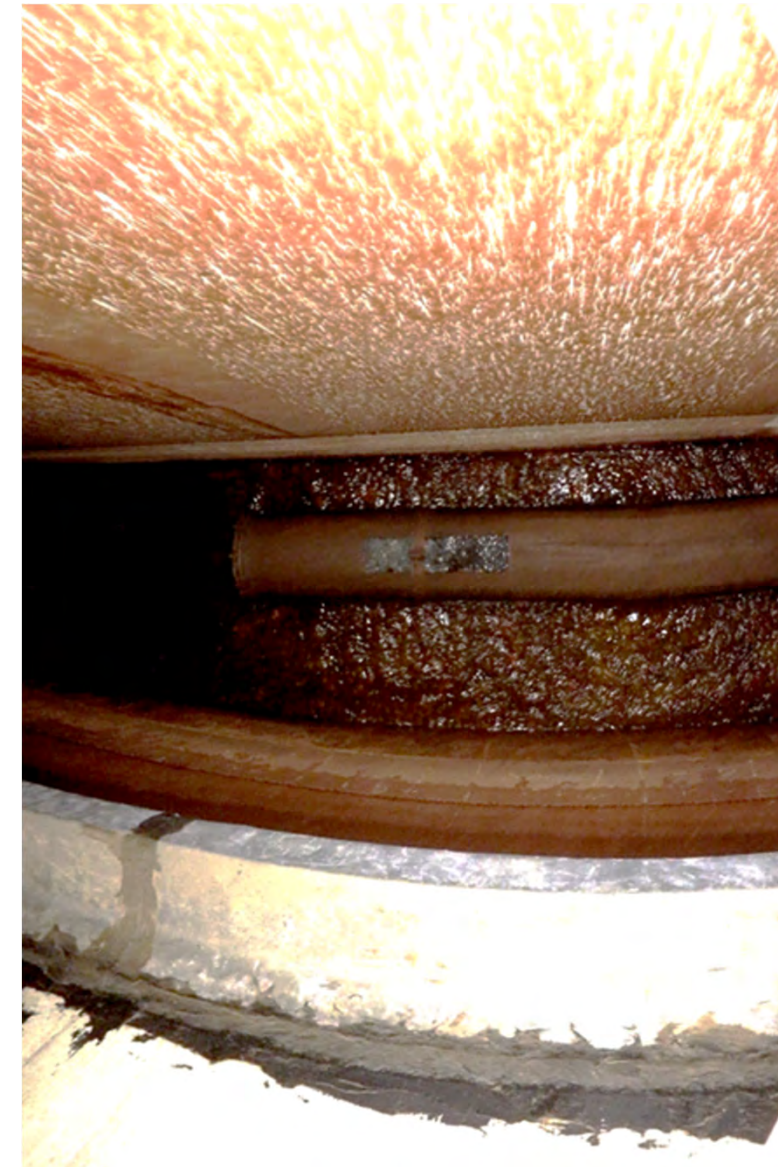
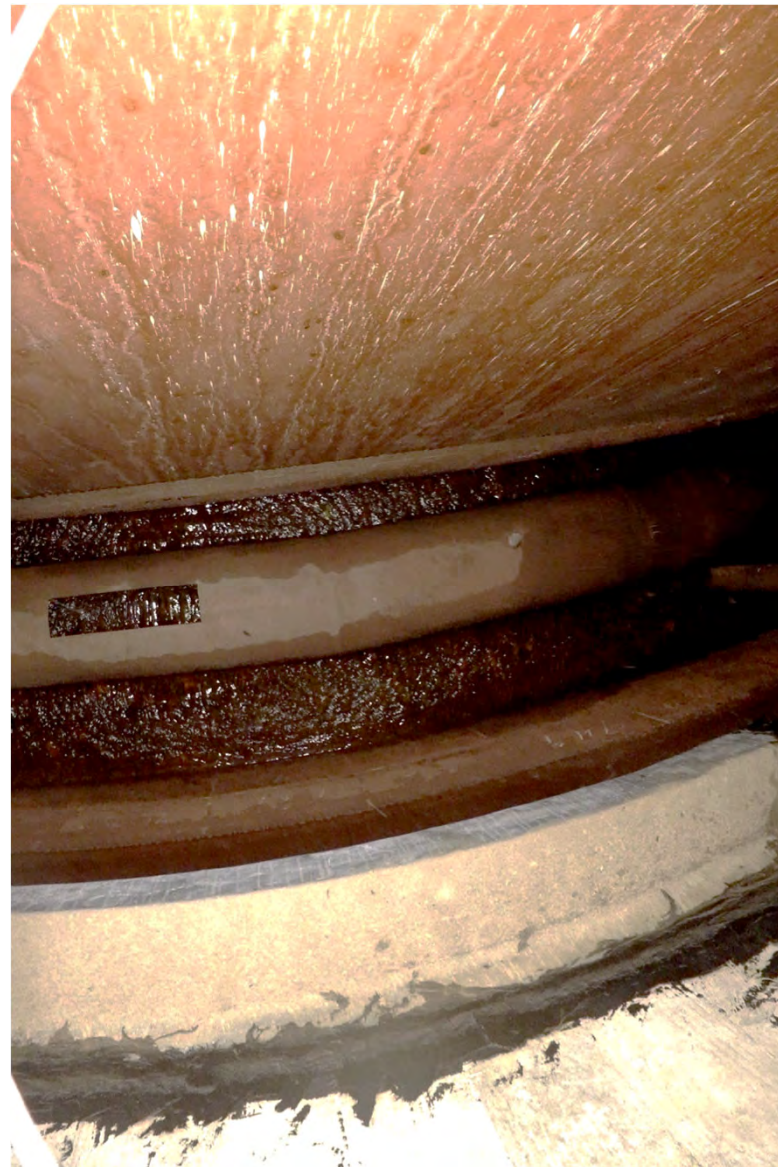


Tank 9 Annulus Cleaning



North Riser

Northeast Quadrant



Tank 9 Annulus Cleaning



- **With the drone, 100% inspection of the Tank 9 annulus was possible**
- **Inspection of annular pan showed cleaning effectiveness consistent in all areas**
- **No salt accumulations were seen on either the exterior walls of the primary tank or in the annular pan**

Summary for Closed/PCWR Complete Tanks



Waste Tank	PCWR Date	Max. Dose within 10,000 years ¹ (mrem/year)	Primary Tank Residual Solids Volume (%) ²	Primary Tank Residual Solids Volume (Gallons)	Annulus Residual Volume (Gallons)	Annulus Cleaning
5	11/2010	3	0.26	1,900	<15	No – negligible
6	11/2010	3	0.41	3,000	<50	Yes ~100 gal.
10 ³	5/2024	<2	<0.40	<3,000	<400	Yes
12	1/2014	6	0.20	1,500	30	No – negligible
16	4/2013	2	0.21	356	1,910	No – not practical
17	Closed 1997	3	0.18	2,400	N/A	N/A
18	10/2009	3	0.30	3,900	N/A	N/A
19	10/2009	3	0.15	2,000	N/A	N/A
20	Closed 1997	3	0.08	1,000	N/A	N/A

¹ Dose for FTF tanks represents maximum all sources dose utilizing actual inventories for Tanks 5, 6 and 17-20. Dose for HTF tanks represents maximum contribution from individual tanks. [SRR-CWDA-2012-00106, SRR-CWDA-2015-00073, SRR-CWDA-2014-00106]

² Based on historic maximum waste volume for each tank. [DOE/SRS-WD-2012-001, DOE/SRS-WD-2014-001]

³ Tank 10 Values based on preliminary information

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